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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013, ON PAGE 155.]

**SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY MARCH 26, 2013. OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS IS GINO RAEI AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI HAMAI, IS IN PLACE. THE COUNTY COUNSEL, JOHN KRATTLI, IS HERE, AND OUR C.E.O., WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, IS IN PLACE. WE HAVE A QUORUM. AT THE INVITATION OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE TO GIVE THE INVOCATION PASTOR JOHN SHAVER OF THE VALENCIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. AND OUR PLEDGE, OUR VETERAN TODAY, AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, IS MONICA COSSIO, FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER, NAVY RECRUITER. AND WITH THAT, WE ASK THAT YOU STAND FOR THE MORNING INVOCATION. PASTOR SHAVER.

**PASTOR JOHN SHAVER:** THANK YOU, AND SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE THIS MORNING. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE. ONE THING AS I COME BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING, OUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN WORKING TO HELP WITH THE EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER, FAMILY PROMISE AND SOME OTHER AREAS WITHIN SANTA CLARITA. WE'VE ALSO BEEN GOING TO NICARAGUA TO HELP TAKE FAMILIES OUT OF THE DUMP



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1 AND TO MOVE THEM INTO PLACES WHERE THEY CAN LIVE SUSTAINABLY  
2 AND SO THE CHILDREN AT THEIR SCHOOL HAVE MADE EACH OF YOU A  
3 BRACELET THAT WHEN WE WERE DOWN THERE A FEW WEEKS AGO TO BRING  
4 BACK. SO I WILL LEAVE THESE WITH YOU JUST TO GIVE YOU A SIGN  
5 OF HOPE AS YOU GO THROUGH YOUR DAYS. SO IF YOU COULD ALL JUST  
6 MOVE INTO A TIME OF MEDITATION WITH ME. ALMIGHTY CREATOR,  
7 CREATOR, WE HUMBLY COME BEFORE YOU FOR A FEW MOMENTS TO ASK  
8 FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, FOR YOUR GUIDANCE THAT WE NEED FOR THIS  
9 MEETING AND THE DAY AHEAD. WE FIRST THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU GIVE  
10 TO US. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR COUNTY THAT INCLUDES GREAT  
11 DIVERSITY AND TOUCHES SO MANY ASPECTS OF CREATION. GUIDER OF  
12 OUR LIVES. SO MANY PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS FAITHS AND TRADITIONS  
13 ENTER THIS WEEK WITH HOLY DAYS, HOLY HOURS AND HOLY MOMENTS.  
14 AND IN THIS MOMENT, WE ASK THAT YOU SHED YOUR LIGHT ON ALL OF  
15 US. CREATOR, AS THIS MEETING BEGINS, YOU KNOW THE LONGINGS OF  
16 PEOPLE'S HEARTS, FOR FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND HOPE. WE ASK THAT  
17 YOU WATCH OVER AND GUIDE OUR SUPERVISORS AND STAFF SO THAT ALL  
18 PEOPLE WHO ARE TOUCHED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY MAY ENJOY THE  
19 LONGINGS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, SECURITY, HOPE AND PEACE. AMEN.

20

21 **MONICA COSSIO:** PLEASE JOIN ME WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
22 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
23 RECITED.]

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN IT'S A  
3 WELCOME TO PASTOR JOHN SHAVER, WHO'S FROM PITTSBURGH,  
4 PENNSYLVANIA, AND BEGAN HIS MINISTRY IN VALENCIA IN THE SANTA  
5 CLARITA VALLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE VALENCIA UNITED METHODIST  
6 CHURCH. HE HAS SERVED IN A NUMBER OF VARIETY OF CARRYING OUT  
7 THE GREAT COMMISSION. HIS GOAL HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH WORKING  
8 WITH THOSE COMMUNITIES FROM THE RURAL AREAS TO THE URBAN  
9 AREAS. AS HE STATED, HE'S BEEN TO NICARAGUA FOUR TIMES TO HELP  
10 FAMILIES RELOCATE FROM POVERTY TO RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND HE'S  
11 VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. HE'S MARRIED. THEY HAVE TWO  
12 CHILDREN. I JUST WANT TO THANK HIM FOR COMING DOWN TO LEADING  
13 THE BOARD IN PRAYER DURING THIS HOLY SEASON AS WE CELEBRATE  
14 PASSOVER AND EASTER. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR KNABE, PLEASE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
20 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF  
21 APPRECIATION TO MONICA COSSIO, WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF  
22 LAKEWOOD. SHE IS A PERSONNEL SPECIALIST FIRST CLASS IN THE  
23 UNITED STATES NAVY AND SHE IS A RECRUITER FOR THE NAVY'S LOS  
24 ANGELES DISTRICT. SHE BEGAN HER SERVICE IN 1998 AND HAS  
25 RECEIVED A NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL



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1 AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. SHE'S MARRIED WITH A  
2 CHILD AND HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 10 YEARS.  
3 SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO THANK  
4 HER FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HER BUSY SCHEDULE TO LEAD US IN THE  
5 PLEDGE BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY YOUR SERVICE TO AMERICA.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND  
9 TO OUR MORNING'S INVOCATEUR AND OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, WE THANK  
10 YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE THIS MORNING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
11 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4,  
15 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM NO.  
16 1-H, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 5,  
17 PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1-4, ON ITEM NO. 2, AS INDICATED ON THE  
18 POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS  
19 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS ONE  
20 IS BEING REFERRED BACK TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, PLEASE  
23 PROCEED.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEMS NO. 1, 3 AND 4 WILL BE HELD  
2   FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,  
3   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 5 THROUGH 15. ON ITEM NO. 10,  
4   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
5   ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
6   PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR  
7   MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
8   HELD WITH ITEMS NO. 22 AND 23. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
9   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 14,  
12   THAT IS TO BE HELD AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ITEM  
13   22 IS TO BE CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIR. THE BALANCE  
14   OF THE ITEMS UNLESS THERE IS OBJECTION PLEASE RECORD A  
15   UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU, PROCEED.

16

17   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ARE AT 22, BUT I'LL CALL THAT  
18   IN JUST A MOMENT.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SPECIFIED IT IN THE CONTEXT OF  
21   14.

22

23   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE 10, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
24   16 THROUGH 26. ON ITEM NO. 16, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR  
25   ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON





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1 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
2 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
3 2, 2013. ON ITEM NO. 17, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 2, 2013. ON ITEM  
5 NO. 18, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO.  
6 19, THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR  
7 MOLINA'S AMENDMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
8 AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
9 REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 22, AT THE REQUEST  
10 OF THE CHAIRMAN, THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
11 2, 2013. ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE  
12 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD WITH ITEM NO. 14. ON  
13 ITEM NO. 24, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
14 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 25, AS INDICATED ON THE  
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT  
16 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 9, 2013. AND ON THIS  
17 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
18 IT. ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
19 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AS WELL. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS  
20 UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU. AND ON ITEM 18  
21 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE CHAIR ABSTAINS ON 18.

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE BALANCE IS BEFORE  
3 US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS.  
4 THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD THE VOTE.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 16, DISCUSSION  
7 ITEM. ITEM NO. 27, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON PAGE  
8 17, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED  
9 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON  
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS NO. 28-A, 28-B AND 28-C,  
11 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE  
12 PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
13 THE AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
14 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FOR A  
17 DIGNITARY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND  
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AS IS OUR CUSTOM, WE HAVE A SPECIAL  
19 GUEST WITH US TODAY. THEREFORE WE CALL FORWARD THE CONSUL  
20 GENERAL OF ARGENTINA, AMBASSADOR CHRISTINA VALLINA. AND WE  
21 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU YET AGAIN AND TO SAY THAT  
22 THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR COMPANIES IN  
23 THE PRIVATE SECTOR AFTER EARNING HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
24 ACCOUNTING. SHE ALSO COMPLETED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
25 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, EARNING THE TITLE OF FOREIGN TRADE



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1 SPECIALIST BEFORE JOINING THE ARGENTINE ECONOMIC FOREIGN  
2 SERVICE IN 1974. SHE HAS EXTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR  
3 EXPERIENCE IN THE AMERICAS FROM 1978 TO 1982. SHE WAS ECONOMIC  
4 AND TRADE COMMISSIONER AT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN MEXICO. AND  
5 FROM 1987 TO 1993 SHE WAS HEAD OF THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE  
6 CONSULAR OFFICE IN ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA WITH  
7 JURISDICTION IN PANAMA AND NICARAGUA, AS WELL. SHE IS ALSO  
8 WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH LOS ANGELES.  
9 FROM 1998 TO 2003, SHE WAS ARGENTINE CONSUL GENERAL IN  
10 CHICAGO. AND FROM 2009 TO 2012, SHE SERVED AS DEPUTY GENERAL  
11 COUNSEL AT THE ARGENTINE CONSULATE HERE BEFORE BEING PROMOTED  
12 TO THE POST OF CONSUL GENERAL. HER JURISDICTION INCLUDES ALL  
13 OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, WASHINGTON, WYOMING, UTAH, IDAHO,  
14 NEVADA, ARIZONA AND MONTANA AS WELL AS ALASKA, HAWAII AND THE  
15 UNITED STATES PACIFIC ISLANDS. SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
16 OF SUPERVISORS AND MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE IN THE  
17 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT I AM VERY PLEASED TO EXTEND  
18 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR PROMOTION. WE WISH YOU A  
19 PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION OF YOUR STAY WITH US.  
20 AND, MADAM CONSUL GENERAL, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT  
21 THIS PLAQUE TO YOU AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR ESTEEM. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **HON. CRISTINA VALLINA:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
24 SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY.  
25 AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR MY COUNTRY. WE  
2 HAVE HERE LIVING A BIG COMMUNITY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND WE  
3 MAKE VERY GOOD BUSINESS. AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH  
4 YOU, WITH ALL OF YOU. AND I TRY TO DO THE BEST FOR THE TIME. I  
5 HOPE IT WOULD BE VERY LONG TO BE HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND  
9 GENTLEMEN, THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM ARGENTINA. A BIG ROUND OF  
10 APPLAUSE FOR HER PRESENTATION. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL NOW WE ARE GLAD TO HONOR  
13 L.A. COUNTY STARS! AND IF THEY WOULD COME FORWARD, JARED  
14 DIDIER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, JOHN  
15 WICKER, THE CHIEF DEPUTY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE OUR  
16 MARCH 2013 L.A. COUNTY STARS. WE ARE RECOGNIZING ONE  
17 INDIVIDUAL AND ONE TEAM BOTH IN THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE  
18 EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. JARED IS THE  
19 NEWEST SUPERVISOR OF TESORO ADOBE HISTORIC PARK, THE FORMER  
20 HOME OF SILENT FILM STAR HARRY CAREY. HE EMBRACED THIS  
21 IMPORTANT ROLE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVITALIZE THE COMMUNITY'S  
22 INTEREST IN THIS HISTORIC RESOURCE. HE RESEARCHED THE HISTORY  
23 OF THE PARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AND PARTNERED WITH LOCAL  
24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENGAGE YOUTH IN A PROGRAM WHICH FITS INTO  
25 THE CALIFORNIA HISTORY CURRICULUM FOR LOCAL AREA SCHOOLS. A



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1 COMPONENT OF THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A HANDS-ON  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT BRICK, ABOUT ADOBE BRICK BUILDING  
3 TECHNIQUES, WHICH IS THE ORIGINAL METHOD USED TO BUILD THIS  
4 HISTORIC STRUCTURE. JARED ALSO INCREASED THE PARK'S REVENUE BY  
5 INCREASING DAY CAMPS FROM A TWO-WEEK PROGRAM INTO A SUMMER --  
6 IN THE SUMMER TO A SEASONAL PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MORE  
7 IMPORTANTLY, HE IS PROVIDING A SAFE AND POSITIVE OUTLET FOR  
8 SOME 210 YOUTH. SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING JARED FOR  
9 HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECREATIONS SUPERVISOR THAT HE IS FOR  
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
11 WORK. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR JARED DIDIER. [APPLAUSE.]

12  
13 **JOHN WICKER:** WELL GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND THANK YOU,  
14 SUPERVISOR. CONGRATULATIONS TO JARED ON THIS GREAT HONOR BEING  
15 SELECTED AS IF COUNTY STAR. AND, YOU KNOW, JARED IS ONE OF  
16 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT'S TRULY DEDICATED AND HAS A PASSION FOR  
17 PROVIDING GREAT RECREATION SERVICES. HE'S GONE OUT AND REALLY  
18 GOTTEN TO KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF THIS GREAT AND TRULY  
19 HISTORIC ADOBE FACILITIES, AND HE READILY SHARES THIS HISTORY  
20 WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT HE SERVES. IN HIS TOURS, HE'LL WEAVE  
21 IN THESE INTRICATE STORIES ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS FACILITY,  
22 AND IT'S TRULY FASCINATING. I'VE PERSONALLY HEARD FROM SOME OF  
23 THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THE GREAT JOB THAT JARED'S DOING OUT  
24 THERE. SO, JARED, WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS  
25 ON THIS GREAT HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]





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**JARED DIDIER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN. I DEFINITELY APPRECIATE THIS HUGE AWARD. DON'T KNOW QUITE WHAT TO SAY. BUT JUST SO YOU GUYS ALL KNOW, THIS IS A COUNTY PARK AND I WOULD LOVE YOU GUYS TO ALL COME DOWN THIS SATURDAY AND ENJOY IT. WE'RE DOING AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ALL AGES. SO NOT ONLY ARE WE DOING IT FOR YOUR YOUNG KIDS, BUT ANY CHILD AT HEART IS MORE THAN WELCOME. WE WILL DO IT FOR KIDS UP TO 110 YEARS OLD. AND I THINK WE'RE THE ONLY COUNTY PARK DOING AN ADULT EGG HUNT. SO COME ON DOWN THIS SATURDAY AND JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA. [APPLAUSE.]

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**SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT NEXT L.A. COUNTY STARS HONOREE, PUBLIC INTEGRITY ASSURANCE SECTION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. WE HAVE SEVERAL HONOREE RECIPIENTS. LIBBY PACE, TERRY FOSTER, ANTHONY PETTY, BLANCA FUENES, MALCOLM WILLIAMS, MARIA SHERORI, ALISA LICHTENSTEIN, AND HARVEY SHERMAN. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE PUBLIC DEFENDERS. [APPLAUSE.] THIS UNIT WAS FORMED IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE L.A.P.D. RAMPART SCANDAL AND WAS TASKED TO RE-EXAMINE CLOSED CASES INVOLVING OFFICERS IN THE RAMPART DIVISION. ITS MISSION IS TO PROVIDE TRIAL SUPPORT AND INVESTIGATION OF POST-CONVICTION INNOCENCE IN AREAS OF POLICE MISCONDUCT, D.N.A., INTIMATE-PARTNER BATTERY AND OTHER SPECIAL POST-CONVICTION PROJECTS. PROPOSITION 36, THE THREE STRIKES REFORM ACT OF



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1 2012, PERMITTED THE RESENTENCING OF EVERY STATE PRISONER  
2 SERVING A 25-TO-LIFE SENTENCE FOR NON-SERIOUS OR NON-VIOLENT  
3 OFFENSE. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT OVER 1,000 SENTENCED THREE  
4 STRIKES PRISONERS ORIGINATING OUT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 JAIL SYSTEM WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ISSUE OF PETITIONING FOR  
6 RESENTENCING. NOW, SERGEANT, IF I MAY. ANTICIPATING THE  
7 POTENTIAL OVERWHELMING IMPACT OF THIS NEW AREA OF LITIGATION,  
8 THIS UNIT, THIS STELLAR UNIT, A TEAM OF ATTORNEYS, PARALEGALS  
9 AND SUPPORT ASSISTANTS TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO COMMENCE A  
10 DIALOGUE WITH ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS. THAT IS THE SUPERIOR  
11 COURT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
12 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE PRISON AUTHORITIES. IN  
13 THE SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 36, THESE  
14 STELLAR INDIVIDUALS SECURED CONSENSUS ON THE UNIFORM LOOK OF  
15 THE PETITION, CENTRALIZED THE FILING OF PETITIONS,  
16 CONSOLIDATED THE WORK TO SPECIALIZED UNITS TO STREAMLINE THE  
17 PROCESS, CREATED AN ORDERLY PROTOCOL FOR ADJUDICATION AND  
18 MAXIMIZED THEIR RESPONSIVENESS TO CLIENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THEY  
19 OVERSAW THE CREATION OF A CLIENT DATABASE AND SUPERVISED  
20 PROJECT VOLUNTEER LAW CLERKS, RECRUITED FROM LOCAL LAW SCHOOLS  
21 TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY ALL AFFECTED CLIENTS. AND SO BY THE  
22 TIME THE INITIATIVE WAS PASSED, 525 CLIENTS HAD BEEN CONTACTED  
23 AND RESPONDED, A 97 PERCENT PARTICIPATION RATE. AND SO, LADIES  
24 AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE PUBLIC  
25 INTEGRITY ASSURANCE SECTION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE



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1 FOR THEIR FORESIGHT, INITIATIVE AND COLLABORATION AND AN  
2 OUTSTANDING EFFORT. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THIS TEAM.  
3 [APPLAUSE.] THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
4 IS RON BROWN. WE ASK HIM TO COME FORWARD TO GIVE REMARKS ON  
5 BEHALF OF THE TEAM.

6

7 **RON BROWN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. GOOD MORNING LADIES AND  
8 GENTLEMEN. I THINK WHAT SAYS IT ALL ABOUT THIS UNIT IS  
9 INTEGRITY. BACK IN 1998, NONE OF US WANTED TO BELIEVE THAT LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WOULD EVER DISHONOR THEIR BADGE.  
11 UNFORTUNATELY, THAT DID OCCUR AND OUR UNIT WAS CREATED. THESE  
12 MEN AND WOMEN HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY NOT JUST ON OFFICER  
13 CORRUPTION, LET'S SAY, BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT JUSTICE IS  
14 DONE. ON THE PROP 36 CASES, WHERE PEOPLE WERE SENTENCED ON  
15 THREE STRIKES CASES, THEY SPRANG INTO ACTION LONG BEFORE THE  
16 LAW REQUIRED THEM TO DO SO. THEY ARE TRULY STARS IN THE COUNTY  
17 OF LOS ANGELES, AND WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF THEM, AS YOU  
18 SHOULD BE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S A WONDERFUL THING WHEN  
21 SOMEONE CAN RETIRE, THEREFORE WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER OUR  
22 CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR RETIREES HERE IN THE COUNTY OF  
23 LOS ANGELES. LET'S CALL FORWARD CLYDE M. TAYLOR, A SUPERVISING  
24 FIRE DISPATCHER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. A  
25 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU PLEASE? [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S A



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1 SUPERVISING FIRE DISPATCHER. SHE'S CHARGED WITH THE  
2 RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPERVISING DISPATCH PERSONNEL ENGAGING IN  
3 THE OPERATIONS OF THE DISPATCH CENTER AND DIRECTING  
4 COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRED TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE COMMAND  
5 CENTER DURING EMERGENT SITUATIONS. MS. TAYLOR BEGAN HER COUNTY  
6 CAREER IN 1971 WORKING AS A LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT WITH THE LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. DURING THE  
8 SUMMER MONTHS, WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL, THAT'S WHAT SHE DID. IN  
9 1973, SHE STARTED WORKING FULL-TIME AS AN INTERMEDIATE CLERK  
10 TYPIST WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THEN WITH THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HER ASSIGNMENT THEN WAS  
12 TO ANSWER PHONES, TYPE AND FILE REPORTS. IN 1982, MS. TAYLOR  
13 PROMOTED TO SENIOR CLERK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE  
14 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AT THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. SHE  
15 PROCESSED AND RELEASED INMATES, FILED COURT PAPERS AND  
16 CONDUCTED A VARIETY OF DUTIES PERTAINING TO THE COURTS. SHE  
17 LEFT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY -- SHE LEFT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
18 BEGAN WORKING AS A POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE CITY  
19 OF LOS ANGELES AND AS A POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, SHE  
20 BEGAN HER CAREER AS A DISPATCHER. THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT OF A  
21 POLICE DISPATCHER HAS TO BE FAST, AND IT IS OFTEN A HECTIC SET  
22 OF CIRCUMSTANCES. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH VEHICLE FOOT PURSUITS  
23 AS WELL AS FOOT PURSUITS AND ASSISTED OFFICERS AS NEEDED ON  
24 CALLS. HER OTHER HER DUTIES INCLUDED TAKING CRIME REPORTS OVER  
25 THE PHONE AND HANDLING 911 CALLS. HER SISTER INFORMED HER



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1 ABOUT A JOB BULLETIN FOR A FIRE DISPATCHER POSITION WITH THE  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT. THAT WAS IN 1989. SHE  
3 BEGAN WORKING AS A FIRE DISPATCHER II, WHERE THE DISPATCHERS  
4 WERE TRAINED AND WORKED ALONG WITH FIREFIGHTERS. AT THAT TIME,  
5 THERE WERE ONLY 30 DISPATCHERS AT THE LOS ANGELES AND VALLEY  
6 DISPATCH CENTERS. SHE ANSWERED AND PROCESSED 911 CALLS AND  
7 WORKED WITH THE UNITS IN THE FIELD AS A RADIO OPERATOR  
8 COVERING THE COUNTY JURISDICTION AS WELL AS REGION I, THE SAN  
9 LUIS OBISPO AND THE ORANGE COUNTY AREAS. THE FIRE DISPATCHERS'  
10 TRAINING IS VERY EXTENSIVE, REQUIRING VARIOUS INSTRUCTION AND  
11 CONTINUING EDUCATION. SO THAT IN 1991, SHE PROMOTED TO  
12 SUPERVISING FIRE DISPATCHER, SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY UNTIL THE  
13 DATE OF HER RETIREMENT, WHICH IS GOING TO BE ON MARCH 31,  
14 2013. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]  
15 HER FAMILY IS HERE AND SUPPORTS HER. SHE IS ONE WHO HAS  
16 DESERVED HER RETIREMENT AND SHE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING  
17 MORE TIME WITH HER GRANDCHILDREN, TRAVELING AND LEARNING NEW  
18 THINGS THAT SHE NEVER HAD TIME FOR UP UNTIL NOW. SHE'S REALLY  
19 LOOKING FORWARD TO NO MORE BRUSHFIRES. MS. TAYLOR, WE WILL BE  
20 FOREVER GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THE  
21 PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
22 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR CLYDE MARIE TAYLOR. [APPLAUSE.]  
23 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE FIRE CHIEF DARYL OSBY.  
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1   **DARYL OSBY:** ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, I  
2   WOULD LIKE TO THANK HONORABLE CHAIR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE  
3   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING CLYDE TAYLOR IN HER  
4   CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HER  
5   CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR  
6   DEPARTMENT RESPONDS TO OVER 20,000 CALLS A YEAR. AND IN MANY  
7   INSTANCES, THE LIFEGUARDS AND THE FIREFIGHTERS GET A LOT OF  
8   NOTORIETY AS IT RELATES TO FIRST RESPONSE. BUT WE HAVE SOMEONE  
9   BEHIND THE SCENES ALWAYS ENSURING THAT THEY RESPOND QUICKLY  
10   AND ARE COORDINATED. JUST A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF HER CAREER, WHEN  
11   SHE HIRED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE MADE A TRANSITION FROM  
12   OUR SWORN STAFF TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND SHE WAS  
13   INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT TRANSITION. AND FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SHE  
14   SERVED AS A SUPERVISOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE  
15   DEPARTMENT. SHE ALSO MENTIONED SHE WAS GOING TO MISS  
16   BRUSHFIRES I THINK. BUT IN ADDITION TO HER SERVICE, THE FIRE  
17   DEPARTMENT, SHE'S ALSO SERVED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WHEN  
18   WE'VE HAD MAJOR INCIDENTS, SHE'S BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE AREA  
19   TO HELP COORDINATE RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THE REGION IN THE  
20   SOUTHERN HALF OF THE STATE. SO ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE  
21   L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE APPRECIATE AND THANK HER FOR  
22   HER SERVICE.

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24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS TAYLOR, COME AND HAVE A  
25   WORD.



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2 **CLYDE TAYLOR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN A  
3 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
4 FOR ALL THE YEARS THAT I HAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM THIRD  
8 DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK SANDI GIBBONS TO JOIN US UP  
11 HERE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SANDI  
12 GIBBONS HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR THE PAST 24 YEARS AS  
13 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
14 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. DISTINGUISHING HERSELF AS AN ARTICULATE AND  
15 KNOWLEDGEABLE SPOKESWOMAN WHO REFLECTS WELL ON THE REGIONAL  
16 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND WAS ALSO RESPECTED AND RESPONSIVE  
17 SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR REPORTERS. SHE SERVED AS A TRUSTED  
18 ADVISER FOR FOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, IRA REINER, GIL GARCETTI,  
19 STEVE COOLEY AND JACKIE LACEY, AND HAS EFFECTIVELY COUNSELED  
20 LEGIONS OF PROSECUTORS WHO REGULARLY TURNED TO HER FOR ADVICE  
21 AND GUIDANCE BEFORE RETURNING A MEDIA CALL. SHE EARNED  
22 TREMENDOUS RESPECT OVER SOME 45 YEARS AS A LEGAL AFFAIRS  
23 REPORTER, EDITOR AND SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE NATION'S LARGEST  
24 PROSECUTORIAL OFFICE, KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED THROUGH THE  
25 NEWS MEDIA. SHE SERVED AS ONE OF THE KEY STAFFERS IN 2008



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1 WORKING ON A BILL GRANTING THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC GREATER ACCESS  
2 IN CRIMINAL CHARGES AND THE OUTCOME OF CRIMINAL CASES, AN  
3 ACHIEVEMENT THAT EARNED THE DISTRICT OF ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THE  
4 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER  
5 PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION. SANDI IS NOW GETTING READY FOR A  
6 WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR DECADES OF SERVICE  
8 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND PARTICULARLY TO THE DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR EXEMPLARY AND  
10 DEDICATED SERVICE AND EXTEND YOU OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A  
11 HAPPY, HEALTHY AND WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT. WITH BEST WISHES  
12 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS. SANDI, I THINK WE'VE ALL COME TO  
13 RELY ON YOUR INTERPRETATION THERE. IT'S LIKE THE VATICAN, YOU  
14 KNOW. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO EXPLAINS WHAT'S GOING ON. AND NOT  
15 ONLY TO US BUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. AND YOU'VE BEEN NOT ONLY  
16 LOYAL TO YOUR BOSSES, BUT YOU'VE BEEN LOYAL TO THE PEOPLE OF  
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN KEEPING THEM WELL INFORMED ON  
18 SOME OF THE MOST COMPLICATED AND ON THE OTHER HAND SOME  
19 MUNDANE CASES, AS WELL. YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, EXEMPLARY  
20 JOB. YOU EARNED YOUR RETIREMENT. WE WISH YOU WELL.  
21 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SANDI GIBBONS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. I  
25 REALLY WILL MISS YOU. BYE-BYE. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAS ROSE GILBERT ARRIVED? IS SHE HERE? SHE  
3 WAS NOT FEELING WELL YESTERDAY, SO SHE MAY NOT HAVE ARRIVED.  
4 SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WILL YIELD BACK TO YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOURTH DISTRICT?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AT  
10 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE ORGANIZER AND  
11 ORIGINATOR OF THE WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY, JOSE  
12 RAMOS. JOINING HIM IS HIS WIFE, SYLVIA, AND HIS COUSINS,  
13 REBECCA AND JAVIER. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE VIETNAM WAR WAS FOUGHT  
14 FROM 1961 TO 1975. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO SERVED  
15 DURING THAT TIME WAS 2.7 MILLION, MORE THAN 58,000 U.S.  
16 SOLDIERS LOST THEIR LIVES AND MORE THAN 300,000 WERE WOUNDED  
17 AND APPROXIMATELY 1600 ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. ON MARCH 30,  
18 1973, THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES COMPLETED A WITHDRAWAL OF  
19 COMBAT TROOPS FROM VIETNAM. MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVED  
20 BRAVELY AND FAITHFULLY FOR THE UNITED STATES DURING THAT WAR  
21 WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD WERE MET WITH MIXED EMOTIONS UPON  
22 THE RETURN HOME AND WERE NEVER ADEQUATELY HONORED FOR THEIR  
23 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. JOSE ESTABLISHED A VERY APPROPRIATE  
24 WAY TO HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO  
25 SERVED IN VIETNAM BY ORIGINATING A WELCOME HOME VIETNAM



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1 VETERANS DAY. AND WE NOW HAVE 23 STATES THAT HAVE SIGNED IT  
2 INTO LAW. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, AT THE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL  
3 FOOTBALL FIELD IN WHITTIER, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CELEBRATION  
4 OPEN TO ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS TO JOIN  
5 IN THE WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION. IT'S A  
6 FREE EVENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MANY FESTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND  
7 ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL. THOSE ARE ALL THE DETAILS. BUT I'M HERE  
8 TO TELL YOU THAT MR. RAMOS AND HIS WIFE AND FAMILY MADE IT  
9 HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN WORKING WITH  
10 CONGRESSMAN LINDA SANCHEZ'S OFFICE AND OUR OFFICE, HE  
11 PERSONALLY BICYCLED FROM HERE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS MAN  
12 CREATED A DAY THAT WAS LONG OVERDUE FOR OUR VIETNAM VETERANS  
13 AND VETERANS IN GENERAL. SO, JOSE, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY  
14 COLLEAGUES, ONCE AGAIN WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND  
15 YOUR FAMILY BUT ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS, NOT ONLY THE  
16 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT AMERICA, WE WANT TO SAY HEARTFELT  
17 THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE.]

18  
19 **JOSE RAMOS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, CHAIRMAN AND  
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M HERE, AND YOU KNOW, DON IS KIND OF  
21 BASHFUL. HE'S A NAVY VETERAN AND VERY, VERY PROUD TO BE A  
22 MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION, TO BE A VETERAN. AND THE ONLY  
23 THING I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE IN YOUR MIND IS THAT PLEASE  
24 REMEMBER WHO HAS SERVED. REMEMBER THOSE THAT ARE SERVING. AND  
25 WHEN YOU SEE THEM WALKING DOWN THE STREET, SAY THANK YOU,





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1 WELCOME HOME. AND REMEMBER THAT WE'RE ALLOWED TO HAVE THESE  
2 KIND OF GATHERINGS BECAUSE OF WHAT OUR VETERANS DO EVERY DAY.  
3 GOD BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS AMERICA. AND GOD BLESS ALL OUR  
4 VETERANS. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE HAVE ANOTHER MAJOR RETIREMENT PENDING ON  
7 THE HORIZON HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THAT'S DR.  
8 LAKSHMANAN, OUR CORONER, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER. DR.  
9 LAKSHMANAN, COME UP WITH YOUR FAMILY. I ALWAYS TELL EVERYONE,  
10 THIS IS ONE MAN YOU WANT TO MEET STANDING UP, NOT LAYING DOWN.  
11 [LAUGHTER.] BUT DR. LAKSHMANAN, HE HAS -- I MEAN IF YOU COULD  
12 REMEMBER HOW TO SPELL HIS NAME, YOU'D WIN AT SCRABBLE EVERY  
13 TIME, OKAY? I'M JUST TELLING YOU THAT. BUT DR. LAKSHMANAN HAS  
14 SERVED OVER 30-PLUS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY  
15 OF LOS ANGELES AS OUR CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER, INTERIM  
16 DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CORONER. JOINING HIM IS HIS WIFE,  
17 VIJAY.; DAUGHTER, ASFINI; SISTER-IN-LAW, RONNIE; AND BROTHER-  
18 IN-LAW, KRISH. HE HAS SERVED AS THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER-  
19 CORONER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE FEBRUARY 18, 1992. HE WAS  
20 APPOINTED BY THE BOARD AS INTERIM DIRECTOR SINCE APRIL 3,  
21 2012. HE'S ALSO A PEACE OFFICER, HOLDS A SPECIALIZED LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE FROM THE COMMISSION ON PEACE  
23 OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. HE IS A  
24 BOARD-CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN IN SIX SPECIALTIES INCLUDING  
25 ANATOMIC, CLINICAL AND FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, INTERNAL MEDICINE,



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1 INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND GERIATRICS. HE IS CERTIFIED IN  
2 PATHOLOGY BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF  
3 CANADA AND IS A CLINICAL PROFESSOR AT BOTH U.S.C., KECK SCHOOL  
4 OF MEDICINE AND U.C.L.A. GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HAS  
5 TAUGHT THOUSANDS OF MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS.  
6 DURING HIS CAREER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER, HE HAS  
7 RESPONDED TO MANY DISASTERS, INCLUDING THE 1986 CERRITOS AIR  
8 CRASH WHERE I GOT TO KNOW HIM BECAUSE I WAS MAYOR OF CERRITOS  
9 DURING THAT HORRIFIC DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR CITY, THE 1991 LAX  
10 U.S. AIR CRASH, 1992 LOS ANGELES RIOTS, 1994 NORTHRIDGE  
11 EARTHQUAKE, AND THE GLENDALE METROLINK MULTIPLE FATALITY TRAIN  
12 INCIDENT IN 2005, THE 2008 METROLINK INCIDENT IN CHATSWORTH AS  
13 WELL AS YOU SAW HIM ON T.V. DEALING WITH MANY HIGH PROFILE  
14 CASES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND ALSO DR. LAKSHMANAN, ON  
15 A NATIONAL BASIS COORDINATED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
16 MEDICAL EXAMINERS MEETING HERE IN LOS ANGELES IN 2005. SO ON  
17 BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE 10 MILLION PLUS  
18 RESIDENTS, THE LIVES, YOU KNOW, IT'S BEEN A VERY, VERY  
19 RESPONSIVE OFFICE. WHEN YOU HAVE A SITUATION DEALING WITH THE  
20 CORONER'S OFFICE, I KNOW EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD HAS HAD AN  
21 INCIDENT WHERE IT'S A MATTER JUST OF URGENCY. AND THEY HANDLED  
22 IT IN A VERY, VERY PROFESSIONAL WAY, ALWAYS RESPONDING TO  
23 THOSE WHO ARE DEALING WITH A TRAGIC LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, A  
24 FAMILY FRIEND OR WHATEVER IT MAY BE. SO DR. LAKSHMANAN, WE



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1 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR 30 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
2 OUR GREAT COUNTY AND WISH YOU A GREAT RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE DR. LAKSHMANAN SPEAKS,  
5 I JUST WANT TO THANK HIM. YOU SAID IT, DON, QUITE WELL. BUT I  
6 WANT TO JUST PUNCTUATE THIS POINT. YES, DR. LAKSHMANAN HAS  
7 DEALT WITH A LOT OF CELEBRATED CASES AND HE'S DONE IT WITH  
8 GREAT SKILL AND CLASS AND WITHOUT THE DRAMA THAT WE HAD BEEN  
9 USED TO IN THIS TOWN OVER THE LAST MANY DECADES. BUT THAT'S  
10 NOT WHAT I'LL REMEMBER HIM FOR. I WILL REMEMBER HIM FOR THE  
11 CASES THAT WERE NOT CELEBRATED, THE INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE WHO HAD  
12 TO EXPEDITE AN AUTOPSY BECAUSE FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS THEY HAD  
13 TO BURY THEIR LOVED ONES WITHIN 24-48 HOURS AS IS THE CASE IN  
14 THE MOSLEM AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES, FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE  
15 AGONIZING OVER WHAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS OF THEIR LOVED ONE,  
16 ESPECIALLY THEIR CHILDREN, WHETHER IT WAS AN OVERDOSE OR  
17 WHETHER IT WAS SOME OTHER THING. THERE IS NO OTHER TIME IN A  
18 PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S CAREER, AND I CONSIDER YOU A PUBLIC  
19 OFFICIAL, WHERE YOUR SERVICE IS MORE APPRECIATED AND MORE  
20 NEEDED THAN WHERE THERE'S A DEATH IN THE FAMILY. I CAN GO BACK  
21 -- I SEE PEOPLE TODAY WHO THANK ME FOR SOMETHING I DID FOR  
22 THEM TO EXPEDITE AN AUTOPSY 25, 35 YEARS AGO BECAUSE YOU WERE  
23 HELPING ME WHEN I WAS STILL OVER AT THE CITY. AND EVERY TIME  
24 THAT HAPPENS, I THINK OF YOU AND YOUR OFFICE. SO I WANT TO  
25 THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS, THE MANY WHO HAVE



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1 CALLED ON YOU AND CALLED ON ME TO GET TO YOU. YOU HAVE NEVER  
2 TURNED ME DOWN. YOU'VE NEVER TURNED THEM DOWN. AND I CAN'T  
3 TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOU'RE GOING TO BE MISSED. I'M SURE THERE  
4 ARE OTHER GREAT CORONERS AROUND HERE, BUT I'D BE WILLING TO  
5 TAKE A CHANCE THAT YOU'RE THE BEST THAT WE'LL EVER SEE. AND I  
6 THANK YOU, DOC, FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND FOR YOUR GREAT SERVICE  
7 TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOLLOWED  
10 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I ECHO THOSE  
13 SENTIMENTS. HERE WE HAVE A MAN WITH A WONDERFUL FAMILY WHO'S  
14 INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY. THEY GO TO ALL OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS.  
15 HIS DAUGHTER IS NOW A PHYSICIAN, WAS WITH ONE OF THE  
16 OUTSTANDING INDIAN DANCERS. HIS PROFESSIONALISM, AS WAS  
17 STATED. WE DO RECEIVE CALLS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED  
18 ONE BUT BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, THEY HAVE TO BE BURIED  
19 IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND HE'S ALWAYS BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO  
20 ASSIST THOSE. AND, AGAIN, THIS IS A PERSON WHO GREETES YOU WITH  
21 A SMILE. YOU DON'T EXPECT A CORONER TO GREET YOU WITH A SMILE.  
22 BUT HE DOES BECAUSE HE LOVES HIS JOB BECAUSE HE'S DOING A  
23 SERVICE. HE LOOKS UPON IT AS A SERVICE HELPING OUR COMMUNITY.  
24 AND AS A RESULT, HIS TESTIMONY IN THE VARIOUS CRIMINAL CASES  
25 THAT HE MUST TESTIFY IN HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT A LEVEL OF



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1 INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM. AND HE IS A ROLE MODEL FOR THIS  
2 PROFESSION AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL FOR A GREAT CITIZEN OF OUR  
3 GREAT COUNTY AND PROUD RESIDENTS OF LA CA ADA. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC). WE CAN ALL TELL HOW HIGHLY RESPECTED  
8 DR. LAKSHMANAN IS FROM ALL OF US. HE HAS A PROFESSIONALISM  
9 ABOUT HIM THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ADMIRERED FROM ALL OF US WHO HAVE  
10 HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR HIM. I, TOO, HAVE ENJOYED  
11 MEETING HIS FAMILY. I THINK THAT THEY'RE SPECIAL TO HIM. HE'S  
12 VERY PROUD OF THEM. AND I THINK THEY'RE VERY PROUD OF HIM, AS  
13 WELL. THERE ARE NOT MANY DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE THE KIND OF  
14 ADMIRATION THAT YOU HAVE FROM ALL FIVE COLLEAGUES AS YOU SEE  
15 HERE TODAY. AND SO WE ARE CERTAINLY GOING TO MISS YOU,  
16 ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT GOING TOO FAR AWAY, WHICH IS  
17 GOOD TO KNOW, THAT WE'RE GOING TO SEE YOU FROM TIME TO TIME.  
18 BUT I, LIKE EVERYONE HAS SAID, WE'VE APPRECIATED HOW YOU'VE  
19 HANDLED EVERY SINGLE ISSUE OR CASE THAT WE BROUGHT BEFORE YOU.  
20 AND SO WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR SERVICE. IT'S BEEN VERY, VERY  
21 DEDICATED. AND I THINK ZEV IS RIGHT, THERE IS NO OTHER CORONER  
22 THAT I THINK COULD STAND UP WITH THE PROFESSIONALISM, THE KIND  
23 OF SERVICE AND THE KIND OF INTEGRITY THAT YOU BROUGHT TO YOUR  
24 PROFESSION. CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** A FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST,  
2    PRACTICALLY WITHOUT PEER, A CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER-EXAMINER WHO  
3    HAS TOILED FOR SOME 35 YEARS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. A  
4    MAN OF GRACE, A MAN OF DIGNITY, A MAN WHO MEETS YOU WITH A  
5    WARM SMILE AND A BEARING THAT INSPIRES CONFIDENCE. LADIES AND  
6    GENTLEMEN, OUR CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER WHO RETIRES UPON THIS  
7    OCCASION, DR. LAKSHMANAN. PLEASE GIVE HIM YOUR APPLAUSE.

8    [APPLAUSE.]

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10   **LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** SUPERVISORS, YOU HAVE ALL -- I  
11   HAVE BEEN REALLY HONORED TO SERVE THIS COUNTY FOR 35 YEARS AND  
12   21 YEARS AGO I WAS APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD, A MAN WITH A LONG  
13   NAME OF INDIAN ORIGIN. AND THEY CHOSE THE GREAT COUNTY OF OURS  
14   TO PUT THEIR TRUST IN ME TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. I  
15   REALLY APPRECIATE THIS HONOR. AND I ALSO WANTED TO THANK ALL  
16   THE FIVE C.E.O.S I WORKED WITH STARTING WITH DIXON, SALLY  
17   REED, HUFFORD, JANSSEN AND NOW FUJIOKA. WHEN I STARTED, OUR  
18   BUDGET WAS \$12 MILLION. NOW IT'S \$32 MILLION. AND OUR STAFF  
19   ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE BECOME A BETTER  
20   DEPARTMENT. AND ALL THIS CREDIT GOES TO MY STAFF WHO WORK  
21   HARD. WHEN YOU CALL, THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WORK HARD. AND SOME  
22   OF THEM ARE HERE, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THEM. PLEASE  
23   STAND UP FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE. [APPLAUSE.] THERE ARE MANY  
24   OF THEM IN THE OFFICE WHO COULD NOT BE HERE. BUT THEY'RE  
25   TAKING CARE OF OUR PATIENTS. AND WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT MY STAFF



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1 IS THE PROFESSIONALISM, THE COMPASSION IN WHICH THEY HANDLE  
2 THE DECEDENTS, WHETHER IT'S A CELEBRITY OR HOMELESS PERSON WHO  
3 WAS FOUND UNDER THE BRIDGE, THEY ARE ALL TREATED THE SAME IN  
4 MY OFFICE. AND THEY PROVIDE AN INVESTIGATION OF QUALITY, OF  
5 QUALITY, QUALITY WHICH IS COMPLETE, ACCURATE AND WE TRY OUR  
6 BEST TO DO THAT. AND I WANTED TO THANK AGAIN THE BOARD FOR  
7 GIVING US THE RESOURCES TO DO A JOB, AND AGAIN IN THE OFFICIAL  
8 BUDGET I'VE ASKED FOR MORE MONEY AND I HOPE YOU WILL LET US  
9 GET IT BECAUSE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. I ALREADY TALKED TO THE  
10 C.E.O. ABOUT IT BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT MAKES OUR JOB BETTER  
11 BECAUSE QUALITY DOESN'T COME CHEAP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AND  
12 THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TELL. AND LASTLY I'LL BE REMISS IF I  
13 DON'T RECOGNIZE MY COMFORTER IN SORROW, NURSE IN SICKNESS AND  
14 COMPANION IN SOLITUDE, MY WIFE DR. VIJAY. [APPLAUSE.] AND  
15 THROUGH HER, I PRODUCED A CHILD IN MY LIFE, MY DAUGHTER,  
16 SHIRI. [APPLAUSE.] I'M VERY, VERY LUCKY TO HAVE THESE PEOPLE.  
17 AND RECENTLY SHIRI GOT MARRIED, HE'S NOT HERE, HE'S ON CALL  
18 TODAY, DR. VINAY. AND MY PARENTS PASSED AWAY 20 YEARS AGO. MY  
19 SISTER PASSED AWAY 15 YEARS AGO. MY FAMILY IS VIJAY'S SISTERS  
20 AND BROTHERS, THEY ARE MY EXTENDED FAMILY. AND THEY ARE HERE  
21 WITH ME TODAY, DR. MUSVANI HERE FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND CHRIS  
22 FROM FOX TELEVISION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,  
23 SUPERVISORS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL GET A PICTURE WITH EVERYONE. WE HAD A LITTLE  
2   CELEBRATION UPSTAIRS. AND NORMALLY WHEN A DEPARTMENT HEAD  
3   RETIRES AND THEIR STAFF COMES, YOU KNOW, IT'S ALWAYS LIKE A  
4   BUZZ, RIGHT? AND IT WAS SUCH A QUIET RECEPTION, THEN I  
5   REALIZED THEY HAVE NOBODY TO TALK TO. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

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7   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, A  
8   TRUE DEPARTMENT HEAD, A TRUE GENERAL MANAGER. AS HE TAKES HIS  
9   LEAVE, HE GETS HIS LAST SHOT IN AND ASKS FOR A BUDGET  
10  AUGMENTATION. GIVE HIM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
11  [LAUGHTER.] HE'S A LEGACY MAKER. WE TURN NOW TO THE FIFTH  
12  DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH.

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14  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A REAL  
15  PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE 2013 COURT FROM CHINATOWN. THIS IS A  
16  VERY HIGHLY EDUCATED GROUP OF YOUNG LADIES WHO HAVE  
17  ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL IN THEIR SHORT PERIOD OF LIFE. THE  
18  CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE CHINATOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HAS  
19  DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. THEY HAVE THE ANNUAL PAGEANT EACH YEAR  
20  AT THE UNIVERSAL HILTON IN UNIVERSAL CITY. BUT TODAY WE WOULD  
21  LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE QUEEN AND HER COURT AND TO SHARE  
22  WITH YOU THEIR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONGRATULATE THEM.  
23  OUR QUEEN IS WENDY SHU, WHO IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
24  SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE STUDIED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
25  AND EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES. HER STUDIES TAUGHT HER



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1 TO APPRECIATE THE ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES  
2 AND ASIA AND THE ROLE THAT ASIAN AMERICANS PLAY IN MAINTAINING  
3 THAT CONNECTION TODAY. AFTER GRADUATING WITH HONORS, SHE THEN  
4 REMAINED AT U.S.C. AND RECEIVED HER LAW DEGREE, GRADUATING  
5 FROM THE GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW. AND DURING THAT TIME, SHE WORKED  
6 WITH VARIOUS CLINICS, MADE HER AWARE OF THE DIVERSITY OF THE  
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE'S CURRENTLY LOOKING FORWARD TO A  
8 CAREER AS AN INVESTMENT IMMIGRATION LAW. AND SHE WAS INSPIRED  
9 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISS CHINATOWN PAGEANT BECAUSE SHE  
10 BELIEVES THAT CHINATOWN CONTRIBUTES TO WHAT MAKES LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY COSMOPOLITAN. SO, WENDY, GONJI, GONJI. [APPLAUSE.] OUR  
12 FIRST PRINCESS IS A RESIDENT OF ALHAMBRA, GRADUATING CUM LAUDE  
13 FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT FULLERTON WITH A DOUBLE  
14 MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND AMERICAN STUDIES WITH A MINOR IN  
15 POLITICAL SCIENCE. HER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WERE IN THE PRELAW  
16 SOCIETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY. AS A LEADER IN  
17 THESE ORGANIZATIONS, SHE COORDINATED THE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO  
18 BENEFIT OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND CANCER RESEARCH. SHE PARTICIPATED  
19 IN HER SCHOOL'S MOOT COURT TEAM LEADING HER TEAM TO EXCEL IN  
20 THE NATIONAL COMPETITION IN JANUARY OF 2012. SHE PLANS TO  
21 ATTEND LAW SCHOOL SPECIALIZING IN CRIMINAL LAW. HER COMMITMENT  
22 TO THE COMMUNITY IS BY VOLUNTEERING AS A CREATIVE WRITING AND  
23 JOURNALISM TEACHER FOR AT-RISK YOUTH. WHEN SHE'S NOT  
24 VOLUNTEERING, SHE ENJOYS TIME WITH HER FAMILY, SALSA DANCING,  
25 ICE SKATING, MODELING, AND EXPLORING OUR UNIQUE CULTURAL



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1 COMMUNITIES. [APPLAUSE.] SECOND PRINCESS IS CHRISTINA YANG,  
2 GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, WITH A  
3 DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS. DURING HER FREE TIME, SHE  
4 ENJOYS ATHLETICS, BOTH PARTICIPATING AND WATCHING, EXPLORING  
5 NEW PLACES AND NETWORKING AND MANAGING HER SAVINGS SO THAT  
6 SHE'LL HAVE A GREAT GOLDEN YEAR. ANYWAY, SHE FEELS STRONG AND  
7 GRATEFUL FOR HER CHINESE HERITAGE AND HER ANCESTORS, WHAT THEY  
8 WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. CHRISTINA, CONGRATULATIONS.  
9 [APPLAUSE.] OUR THIRD PRINCESS IS ANNIE WONG, WHO GREW UP IN  
10 DIAMOND BAR SHE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN. THE FRENCH  
11 HOSPITAL? ANYWAY, SHE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
12 CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. SHE  
13 GRADUATED FROM SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, THE PRESTIGIOUS TWO-  
14 YEAR ACCELERATED JUDICIAL DOCTORATE HONORS PROGRAM IN MAY OF  
15 2012 AND SHE ALSO PASSED THE BAR. MANY PEOPLE PASS BUT NEVER  
16 PASS THE BAR. SHE PASSED THE BAR. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S NOW AN  
17 ASSOCIATE WITH THE TESHNER LAW FIRM PRACTICING INTERNATIONAL  
18 LAW AND SERVING AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL  
19 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYS DANCING,  
20 THE PIANO AND BEING WITH HER FAMILY. SO ANNIE,  
21 CONGRATULATIONS. MISS FRIENDSHIP IS ELIZABETH AN. SHE'S  
22 PURSUING HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL AND CLINICAL  
23 COUNSELING AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. SHE WORKS FULL-TIME AS  
24 AN OFFICE SUPERVISOR AND PART-TIME AS A PRIVATE TUTOR. HER  
25 DESIRE TO HELP THE YOUTH HAS LED HER FROM OVER SEVEN YEARS OF



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1 TUTORING IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO HONG KONG, WHERE SHE  
2 VOLUNTEERED TO TEACH ENGLISH AT HOLY CARPENTER PRIMARY SCHOOL  
3 UPON COMPLETING HER UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES. SHE ASPIRES TO  
4 BECOME A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR. SHE HOPES TO  
5 MOLD HER FUTURE STUDENTS INTO GOOD PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAMS,  
6 ASSISTING THEM IN THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND LEADING THEM AND  
7 HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS. SHE HAS FUND RAISED OVER  
8 \$2,000 FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER  
9 SOCIETY, AND SHE ENJOYS COOKING, BAKING AND SPENDING TIME WITH  
10 HER LOVED ONES. SO ELIZABETH? [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **WENDY SHU:** WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.  
13 GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU.  
14 AND OF COURSE, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR INVITING  
15 US TO SHARE THIS MORNING WITH EVERYBODY. AND ALSO WHAT AN  
16 HONOR IT IS TO BE RECOGNIZED ALONGSIDE ALL THESE AWESOME  
17 COUNTY STARS. EVERYONE TRULY IS AMAZING. I THINK THAT'S  
18 SOMETHING THAT WHERE WE CAN ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAYBE  
19 NEXT TIME TO GIVE EVERYONE TIARAS WHEN THEY'RE RECOGNIZED UP  
20 HERE. RIGHT? EVERYBODY LOOKS BETTER WITH A TIARA. BUT I THINK  
21 HONESTLY, THAT'S WHAT WE REALLY ENJOYED ABOUT THIS PAGEANT  
22 EXPERIENCE. WE WERE CROWNED IN EARLY FEBRUARY AROUND LUNAR NEW  
23 YEAR. AND IN THE SHORT WEEKS SINCE, WE HAVE JUST MET SO MANY  
24 AMAZING INDIVIDUALS. YOU KNOW, SO MANY DOORS HAVE OPENED TO  
25 US, BUT ALSO WE HAVE REALLY SEEN THE DIVERSITY OF OUR GREAT





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1 CITY. AND I THINK WE'VE ALSO STARTED TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE AS  
2 ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN REALLY CLING TO THE FABRIC OF THAT  
3 WONDERFUL DIVERSITY OF THIS CITY. AND WE ARE SO PROUD TO  
4 CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THAT DIVERSITY WITH LOS ANGELES. THIS  
5 MONTH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, SO THERE. AND ALSO IN MAY FOR  
6 ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH. SO I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU OUT  
7 THERE AND THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY COMMISSIONER  
10 CONNIE RUSSELL WHO SERVED 11 YEARS TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
11 POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILDCARE. HER DEGREES WERE FROM BRIGHAM  
12 YOUNG UNIVERSITY AND HER MASTER'S WAS FROM CALIFORNIA STATE  
13 UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE BEGAN HER TEACHING CAREER IN  
14 1964 WITH THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND IS CURRENTLY A  
15 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER WITH THE ARCADIA AND EL MONTE UNITED SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICTS. SHE'S BEEN AWARDED THE L.A. COUNTY SCHOOL'S  
17 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD, THE ARCADIA SCHOOLS  
18 DISTINGUISHED TEACHERS AWARD AND A P.T.A. HONORARY SERVICE  
19 AWARD. SHE'S VERY ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE VOLUNTEERS WITH  
20 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, THE SANTA  
21 ANITA CONVALESCENT CENTER AND THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK.  
22 AND HER WONDERFUL FATHER WAS DR. PETE OLSON FROM CALIFORNIA  
23 STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES WHO COORDINATED ALL THE  
24 INTERMURAL ATHLETIC EVENTS AND WAS A GREAT PROFESSOR AND A  
25 GOOD FRIEND AND ADVISER TO OUR SIGMA NU FRATERNITY. RIGHT?



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2 **CONNIE RUSSELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE  
3 RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNTY AND BY MIKE ANTONOVICH. I'VE KNOWN  
4 HIM SINCE HE WAS LITTLE. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SERGEANT RICHARD  
7 GIBSON OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, WHO HAS SERVED OUR  
8 COMMUNITY FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS. HE'S A RESIDENT OF ACTON. HE  
9 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1975 TO '79. HE  
10 GRADUATED FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL IN 1982 WHEN HE  
11 ENTERED THE HIGHWAY PATROL, AND GRADUATING FROM THE COLLEGE OF  
12 THE CANYONS. HE SERVED AS A FIELD OFFICER, MOTORCYCLE OFFICER  
13 IN THE WEST VALLEY AND NEWHALL. SERVED AS A FLIGHT OBSERVER TO  
14 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN DIVISION OPERATIONS UNIT AND  
15 SINCE 2004 HE'S BEEN THE FIELD SUPERVISOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
16 SERGEANT IN CHARGE OF THE SPECIAL DUTY FOR THE WEST VALLEY  
17 AREA. FOR HIS SERVICE, HE'S BEEN AWARDED THE STATE OF  
18 CALIFORNIA MEDAL OF VALOR, THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION MEDAL OF  
19 VALOR, AND HE'S JOINED HERE BY HIS WIFE, DANIELLE, AND HIS  
20 CHILDREN CODY AND TANNER. CONGRATULATIONS.

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22 **SERGEANT RICHARD GIBSON:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR  
23 INVITING ME HERE TODAY. IT IS SPECIAL FOR THE FACT THAT NOT  
24 ONLY WAS I BORN IN LOS ANGELES BUT RAISED HERE. IT WAS AN  
25 HONOR TO SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALSO THE STATE OF



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1 CALIFORNIA. BUT I DO WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
2 DURING MY CAREER, THERE'S 59 OFFICERS THAT DIDN'T GET THIS  
3 CHANCE TO RETIRE. SO I WANT TO THINK OF THEM. I COULD DO THIS  
4 30 YEARS WITHOUT MY WIFE, DANELLE, AND MY IN-LAWS, SHARON AND  
5 DAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE PAUL HANSON RETIRING AFTER 41  
8 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. [APPLAUSE] VETERAN OF  
9 THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GRADUATE OF THE HASTINGS SCHOOL OF  
10 LAW, HE BEGAN WORKING IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE IN 1972.  
11 DURING THAT TIME, HE SERVED FOR THE PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS  
12 DIVISION, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE FORMER  
13 DEPARTMENT OF ADOPTIONS WHERE HE CONDUCTED 100 COURT TRIALS,  
14 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, THE L.A. COUNTY'S METROPOLITAN TRANSIT  
15 AUTHORITY, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF  
16 PUBLIC WORKS, ACTED AS PRIMARY COUNSEL TO THE ARCHITECTURAL  
17 ENGINEERING AND DESIGNS DIVISION AND THE BUILDING REHAB  
18 APPEALS BOARD. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS OF COMMENDATION  
19 FROM CLIENTS AS WELL AS RECOGNITION FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
20 OFFICE. HE WILL BE RETIRING FROM HIS LONGTIME ROLE AS SANTA  
21 CLAUS AT THE OFFICE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY. PAUL,  
22 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **PAUL HANSON:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL THE  
25 MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT BOARD AND ALSO TO ALL THOSE BOARD



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1 MEMBERS WHOM I'VE WORKED FOR OVER THE YEARS, SOME OF WHOM ARE  
2 NO LONGER ALIVE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY COUNSEL, JOHN  
3 KRATTLI, AND ALSO ALL THE PRIOR COUNTY COUNSELS FOR WHOM I  
4 WORKED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY WIFE, CHRISTINE, WHO HAS  
5 BEEN A VERY, VERY BIG HELP IN GETTING ME GOING IN THE MORNING  
6 AND HELPING ME TO GET RESTED IN THE EVENING. SO I JUST WANT TO  
7 SAY GOD BLESS ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
8 ESPECIALLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ALL THE COUNTY  
9 EMPLOYEES. [APPLAUSE.] (CHEERS).

10

11 **JOHN KRATTLI:** I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'VE KNOWN PAUL FOR OVER 30  
12 YEARS. MANY OF THE ATTORNEYS WHO CURRENTLY WORK IN MY OFFICE  
13 WERE NOT BORN WHEN PAUL STARTED WORKING IN THE OFFICE.  
14 [LAUGHTER.] DURING HIS VERY LONG TENURE IN THE OFFICE, PAUL  
15 HAS ALWAYS PROVIDED THE COUNTY WITH EXCELLENT LEGAL ADVICE AND  
16 TREATED EVERYONE, NO MATTER THEIR POSITION, NO MATTER A STAFF  
17 MEMBER OR ATTORNEY, WITH RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION. AS A  
18 COLLEAGUE OF PAUL'S, I HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED PAUL'S  
19 KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW, BUT I HAVE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED AND  
20 VERY MUCH VALUED PAUL'S RESPECT, THE RESPECT THAT PAUL HAS  
21 SHOWN TO ALL COUNTY STAFF. AFTER MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
22 AND ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, I  
23 OFFER PAUL MY HEARTFELT THANKS, CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS  
24 RETIREMENT AND WISH HIM AND HIS FAMILY ALL THE BEST IN YEARS  
25 TO COME. THANK YOU, PAUL. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, THIS IS A LITTLE TOY CHIHUAHUA, WHO'S 12  
3 WEEKS OLD, NAMED PRECIOUS. THIS IS LITTLE PRECIOUS. SHE'S  
4 LOOKING FOR A HOME. LOOK WAY IN THE BACK. DO YOU SEE ANYBODY?  
5 ANYWAY, SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1364.  
6 AND SHE COMES WITH A LITTLE OUTFIT, OF STRAWBERRIES. SO THIS  
7 IS LITTLE PRECIOUS LOOKING FOR A HOME.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
10 FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL NOW --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE BEFORE  
15 US. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU GO ON, I JUST WANT TO ASK IF ROSE  
18 GILBERT ARRIVED? IS ROSE GILBERT HERE? HAS SHE ARRIVED? MRS.  
19 GILBERT? OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
22 WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA. MADAM  
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TODAY. SO  
3   THERE ARE FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1-H, 1, 3 AND 4. AND ALL  
4   THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND  
5   RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN ONLY ON ITEMS 1-H, 1, 3  
6   AND 4. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU  
7   SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING  
8   BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.  
9   ON ITEM NO. 1-H, THIS IS THE HEARING TO CONSIDER THE HOUSING  
10   AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 WHICH  
11   UPDATES THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PROGRAM GOALS, MAJOR POLICIES  
12   AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO  
13   CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER. THERE ARE TWO  
14   SPEAKERS.

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16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HEAR FROM  
17   ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS ON ITEM 1-H.

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19   **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC  
20   PREVEN. I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND THIS  
21   ITEM 1-H IS THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT  
22   WE ARE TO CHECK IN. AND THIS IS THE DEPLOYMENT OF SOME FEDERAL  
23   DOLLARS AND MONEY TOWARD OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS. AND ONE OF THE  
24   CONCERNS IS THIS IS THE SAME GROUP THAT HAD A R.F.P. FOR SOME  
25   RENTAL CARS FOR THEIR GROUP. AND THAT WENT VERY WRONG. THE





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1 SUPERVISOR FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, ASKED TO  
2 GET A LOOK-BACK AT THAT. AND NOW IT IS MANY SORT OF MONTHS  
3 LATER AND THERE HAS BEEN NO UPDATE ON THAT. AND WE REALLY  
4 WANTED TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT SPECIFICALLY WENT WRONG WITH  
5 THAT R.F.P. THAT ONLY ONE RENTAL CAR COMPANY WOULD RESPOND TO  
6 A REQUEST FOR A QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS KIND OF A VERY, VERY  
7 OBVIOUS CONTRACT HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE LAND OF THE  
8 AUTOMOBILE. SO THAT'S ONE CONCERN. THE OTHER CONCERN IS THAT  
9 SECTION 8 HOUSING, WHICH OF COURSE IS A VERY IMPORTANT -- CAN  
10 BE A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF PEOPLE GETTING AFFORDABLE  
11 HOUSING, RAN INTO THOSE LAWSUITS OUT IN THE VALLEY WHERE IN  
12 PALMDALE- LANCASTER THEY WERE DRIVING AROUND IN RENTAL CARS,  
13 ACTUALLY. ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CARS PICKING UP CHARACTERS AND  
14 DOING INVESTIGATIONS. IT WAS FOUND, EVERYBODY AGREED LET'S NOT  
15 MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS GOING FORWARD BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME  
16 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. BOTH SIDES CLAIMED A VICTORY BUT IT WAS  
17 A TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE STORY FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO  
18 WERE OBSERVING THIS KIND OF THING. MY FINAL PIECE ABOUT THE  
19 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS THAT THEY HAND OUT A LOT OF REPAIR MONEY  
20 FOR SOME OF THESE FACILITIES. AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY DO  
21 IT DOES REQUIRE OUR SCRUTINY, OUR CAREFUL SCRUTINY. YOU KNOW,  
22 I LOOKED AT JUST A KIND OF SPOT AUDIT OF ONE CONTRACT THAT WAS  
23 OBJECTED TO BY A CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACTOR WAS EFFECTIVELY  
24 TOLD "YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO QUESTION THIS. JUST  
25 ROLL OVER, EFFECTIVELY. THE GUY DID ROLL OVER AND IT WAS GIVEN



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1 TO A USUAL SUSPECT. BY USUAL SUSPECT, I MEAN PROBABLY A  
2 REASONABLE FIRM, BUT NONETHELESS THERE'S SOMETHING VERY WRONG  
3 WITH THE SYSTEM. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY DOES HAVE AN ITEM  
4 THAT DEALS WITH THE WAY WE DO OUR FEES HERE IN THE COUNTY  
5 COMING UP LATER. THAT'S BEEN DELAYED 90 DAYS, TOO. SO I'M JUST  
6 VERY CONCERNED THAT WE'RE LOOKING ASKANCE FROM SOME OF THE  
7 HARDER ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO RESOLVE. AND I WOULD ASK THAT  
8 THE BOARD, AS THEY CONSIDER THIS FIVE-YEAR PLAN, CONSIDER WHAT  
9 WE CAN DO, REALLY, TO MAKE SURE THAT AS THE REDEVELOPMENT  
10 DOLLARS THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS HAVE NOW EVAPORATED,  
11 LARGELY, ARE REPLACED BY OTHERS THAT WE HAVE TO WATCH VERY  
12 CLOSELY BECAUSE IT'S AUNG SAN SUU KYI FROM MYANMAR WHO I THINK  
13 TALKED ABOUT HOW CORRUPTION IS NOT ABOUT POWER, IT'S WHEN  
14 PEOPLE ARE LOSING POWER THAT ISSUES OF CORRUPTION COME UP.  
15 THAT'S A PARAPHRASE, OBVIOUSLY. BUT I'D REALLY ASK YOU TO TAKE  
16 A GOOD LONG LOOK. THIS IS IMPORTANT STUFF AND IT NEEDS  
17 OVERSIGHT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I HAVE  
23 SOME CONCERNS. AND I'M GLAD THE OTHER SPEAKER JUST MENTIONED  
24 THE SECTION 8 HOUSING WITH THE FEDERAL, THE OBLIGATION, THE  
25 FUNDS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAD A COMMITTEE MEETING IN



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1 THEIR HOUSING SAYING SECTION 8 FUNDS WILL BE HARD HIT IN THE  
2 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO WHAT IS THE COUNTY'S ACTION? I ALSO  
3 SOMEWHAT TAKE OFFENSE TO THIS ITEM THAT STATES THAT YOU  
4 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INCORPORATE INTO THE  
5 ANNUAL PLAN, THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED  
6 AND APPROVED FOR INCLUSION BY THE BOARD. APPROVED FOR  
7 INCLUSION BY THE BOARD? SO IF THE BOARD DOESN'T APPROVE IT OR  
8 INCLUDE IT, THEN IT'S NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN INTO EFFECT. SO  
9 THE FACT THAT WE'RE MAKING COMMENTS DOESN'T REALLY MEAN A  
10 WHOLE HELL OF A LOT. YOUR FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN? CAN I SAY  
11 FOUR LETTERS? C.D.B.G. AND 38 YEAR ACTION PLAN OR MAYBE IT'S  
12 NOW 40 YEARS, WHO THE HECK KNOWS? AND I'M ALSO CONCERNED,  
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU MADE A MOTION A COUPLE WEEKS  
14 AGO, AGAIN, WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND ITS INFLUENCE ON  
15 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS NO LONGER HERE. BUT YOU MADE  
16 A MOTION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO REGARDING SETTING UP A HOUSING  
17 FUND TO TAKE THE PLACE OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT. AND WE  
18 HEARD FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HOW IT WAS A HONEY POT OF  
19 CORRUPTION. BUT THAT DIDN'T COME OUT UNTIL AFTER THE COURTS  
20 HAD RULED ON THE CHALLENGE TO ELIMINATE C.R.A. BUT THIS IS  
21 FROM METRO FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2013, APPROVE ADDITIONAL 2012 DE-  
22 OBLIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS. AND IT'S ITEM 18 ON THEIR AGENDA  
23 FROM THAT DAY. AND IT MENTIONS, WHAT, 17 -- 27 PROJECTS. AND  
24 NONE OF THEM ARE HOUSING. THEY'RE ALL STREET-RELATED. BUT MOST  
25 OF THEM, AT LEAST 15 OF THEM, MAYBE MORE, ARE GETTING C.R.A.



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1 FUNDS LOCAL MATCH, COMING TO A TOTAL OF \$26 MILLION IN C.R.A.  
2 LOCAL FUNDS. SO YOU MAKE A MOTION TO PUT C.R.A. FUNDS FOR  
3 HOUSING IN YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT HOUSING AND USE OF C.R.A.  
4 FUNDS, THEN THE PEOPLE AT METRO, WHO YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW  
5 ANYTHING ABOUT, GO AHEAD AND MAKE UP A LIST OF PROJECTS THAT  
6 INCLUDE C.R.A. FUNDS, \$26 MILLION, EXCUSE ME -- \$28 MILLION.  
7 NOW WOULDN'T THAT MONEY BE BETTER SERVED FOR LOW INCOME  
8 HOUSING? YOU MADE A MOTION, LIKE I SAID, \$10 MILLION. THIS IS  
9 \$28 MILLION. WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A MOTION FOR \$28 MILLION AND  
10 LET THE BOYS AT METRO, BECAUSE WE KNOW MEASURE R IS FLOATING  
11 RIGHT ALONG, \$1.333 BILLION THAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE RAISING.  
12 IT'S A LITTLE SHORT. BUT LET THEM FIGURE OUT THE \$10 MILLION.  
13 THANK YOU, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. THAT CONCLUDES  
16 THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. [APPLAUSE.] MADAM EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICER, WHAT'S BEFORE US AT THIS POINT?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
20 CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM. AND THE ITEM IS BEFORE  
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE CLOSE THE  
24 PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES 1-H.



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE  
2 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS  
5 A HEARING TO CONSUMMATE THE PURCHASE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
6 LOCATED AT 4990 CLARK AVENUE, CITY OF LAKEWOOD IN ACCORDANCE  
7 WITH SECTION 25350 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. NO DEPARTMENT  
8 STATEMENT IS ON THIS MATTER AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
9 RECEIVED. THERE IS, I BELIEVE, ONE SPEAKER.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES ARNOLD  
12 SACHS ON THIS ITEM. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU AGAIN. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD  
15 SACHS. THIS IS A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IN LAKEWOOD  
16 WHICH INCLUDES THE TITLE AND ESCROW FEES. SO THE OPERATIVE  
17 WORD HERE IS THE TITLE. WHEN YOU COME UP HERE AND YOU DISCUSS  
18 TRANSFER OF DEED AND REALTY-RELATED SUBJECTS, THERE'S A  
19 PROBLEM WITH THE GLENDORA STATION WITH METRO. THEY DID A TRUST  
20 FUND DEED TO OPERATIONS THAT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST, MAYBE YOU  
21 MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF IT. IT'S CALLED THE LOS ANGELES TO  
22 PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. HOW THEY  
23 ENDED UP GETTING PROPERTY THAT BASICALLY THE PUBLIC BOUGHT,  
24 PRIVATE ENTITY THAT GOT THE PROPERTY FOUR YEARS BEFORE IT WAS  
25 -- OH, THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE PASADENA, I MEAN, THE GOLD



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1 LINE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. FOUR YEARS BEFORE  
2 LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THAT AUTHORITY. WE NEED THAT KIND OF,  
3 WHAT'S THE WORD I'M THINKING OF? WE NEED THAT KIND OF MOVEMENT  
4 FROM THE BOARD THAT CAN SEE FOUR YEARS INTO THE FUTURE SO THAT  
5 -- OH, THERE WAS A MOVIE CALLED BACK TO THE FUTURE. MAYBE YOU  
6 NEED A DELOREAN. MAYBE YOU NEED SNEAKERS. I DON'T KNOW. AND  
7 I'M ALSO CONCERNED AGAIN WITH ONTARIO AIRPORT. NOW, WE DON'T  
8 HAVE A DOG IN THAT FIGHT. BUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS  
9 TRYING TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGET.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** JUST A QUICK INTERVENTION, MR.  
12 SACHS. WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL ITEMS ON WHICH YOU WISH  
13 TO BE HEARD. WE'RE PREPARED TO AFFORD YOU THE TIME TO SPEAK ON  
14 THOSE ITEMS. YOU'RE LISTED ON SEVERAL OTHER ITEMS. SO IF YOU  
15 COULD WRAP UP NOW SO WE CAN GET TO THOSE THINGS?

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ABSOLUTELY. VERY QUICKLY ON THE ONTARIO AIRPORT?  
18 THE MATERIAL THAT YOU GET IN THE FILES FROM THE CITY OF L.A.  
19 SAYS ONTARIO AIRPORT TRANSFERRED THE TITLE DEED TO THE CITY OF  
20 LOS ANGELES. THE HEAD, THE C.E.O. OF LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
21 AIRPORT MADE A CLAIM HERE AT METRO ALSO THAT LOS ANGELES  
22 AIRPORT OWNS THE PROPERTY. WELL, IF THE TITLE IS IN THE NAME  
23 OF THE CITY, THEN HOW CAN THE AIRPORT OWN THE PROPERTY? MAYBE  
24 YOU MIGHT WANT TO INVESTIGATE THAT. THANK YOU.

25





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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** KEEP YOUR SEAT, MR. SACHS. ALL  
2   RIGHT. WE'RE CLOSING THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS, THE HEARING  
3   ON THIS ITEM. AND IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO ITEM 2 THAT'S  
4   BEFORE US, SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
5   SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE NOW MOVE TO ITEM  
6   NO. 3, IS THAT NOT CORRECT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

7

8   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, IT IS, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND ON  
9   THIS ITEM, THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE WEED ABATEMENT AND BRUSH  
10   CLEARANCE, REFEREES' REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRIED  
11   GRASS NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS, RUBBISH AND COMBUSTIBLE  
12   GROWTH OR FLAMMABLE VEGETATION, TO INCLUDE NATIVE AND  
13   ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON DESIGNATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED  
14   PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT  
15   STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND, AGAIN, THERE  
16   IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER.

17

18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MR. SACHS,  
19   IN SUMMARY FASHION, PLEASE.

20

21   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY QUICKLY ON THIS  
22   ONE. I BELIEVE LAST YEAR YOU HAD A MOTION FROM THE COUNTY FIRE  
23   DEPARTMENT FOR A FEE INCREASE. AND IT WAS NEVER REALLY  
24   ADJUDICATED. COULD YOU UPDATE THE PUBLIC ON THE FEE INCREASE



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1 THAT WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT? THAT'S ALL,  
2 JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** QUESTION ON THAT ITEM. THE  
5 PUBLIC HEARING IS NOW CLOSED. MR. SACHS, DON'T GO TOO FAR.  
6 WE'RE UP TO ITEM 4. WE'RE GOING TO WEAR YOU OUT TODAY, THAT'S  
7 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET ME SEE. NOW  
8 ITEM NO. 3 IS BEFORE US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, YOUR PLEASURE,  
9 PLEASE? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
10 ANTONOVICH. HAVING CLOSED THE HEARING, PLEASE RECORD A  
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 4 IS BEFORE US, IS IT  
16 NOT?

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS A DE NOVO  
19 HEARING ON PROJECT NO. RT011-01892-(1), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
20 AND CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
21 QUALITY ACT FOR THE CONTINUED SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR  
22 OFFSITE CONSUMPTION AT AN EXISTING C.V.S. STORE LOCATED AT 858  
23 NORTH SUNSET AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST  
24 PUENTE VALLEY. APPLIED FOR BY GARFIELD BEACH C.V.S., L.L.C.  
25 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT?



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1 YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT? THERE IS A  
2 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS  
3 MATTER AND THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SEVERAL  
6 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THE ITEM. THE DEPARTMENT WISHES  
7 TO BE HEARD? OR DO YOU WISH TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT ON IT?

9

10 **MARIA MASIS:** WE HAVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE FLOOR IS YOURS. PLEASE  
13 PROCEED.

14

15 **MARIA MASIS:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
16 NAME IS MARIA MASIS AND I'M SUPERVISING PLANNER WITH THE  
17 ZONING PERMITS EAST SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING. ITEM 4 BEFORE YOU IS A DE NOVO HEARING ON  
19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 2011-00162 IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL  
20 DISTRICT. THE APPLICANT, C.V.S. PHARMACY, HAS REQUESTED AN  
21 UPGRADE OF THEIR CURRENT LICENSE TO SELL BEER AND WINE TO  
22 INCLUDE A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THE REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE C.U.P. ON OCTOBER 31, 2012  
24 AND IMPOSED 43 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL INCLUDING LIMITING THE  
25 SHELF SPACE DEVOTED TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO NO MORE THAN 5



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1 PERCENT. THIS APPROVAL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPEALED TO YOUR  
2 BOARD. THE C.V.S. PHARMACY IS LOCATED AT 858 NORTH SUNSET  
3 AVENUE IN THE PUENTE VALLEY AREA, AND IT'S ZONED C-2-D.P.,  
4 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZONE. THE STORE HAS  
5 BEEN OPERATING AT THIS SITE WITH A BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR  
6 THE PAST 11 YEARS. PLANNING STAFF FINDS THAT THE PROJECT  
7 BEFORE YOU MEETS THE BURDEN OF PROOF FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC  
8 BEVERAGES AND THAT THE USE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MAJOR  
9 COMMERCIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN. THE LOCAL  
10 SHERIFF'S STATION WAS ALSO CONSULTED AND DOES NOT OPPOSE THE  
11 PROPOSED CHANGE IN LICENSING. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE  
12 BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.  
13 THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
16 PRESENTATION. WE PROCEED NOW TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD,  
17 ROBERT SALTSMAN, GABY RODRIGUEZ. ARTIN NAKOUD. THOMAS MCLEAN.  
18 PLEASE COME FORWARD IN THAT ORDER.

19

20 **RALPH SALTSMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
21 RALPH SALTSMAN, I REPRESENT C.V.S. IN THIS APPLICATION. THANK  
22 YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. AS WAS JUST  
23 STATED, C.V.S. HAS BEEN OPEN AND OPERATING UNDER AN A.B.C.  
24 TYPE 20 LICENSE FOR THE LAST 11 YEARS. AT THIS POINT WE WISH  
25 TO UPGRADE THAT TO A TYPE 21 AS A CONVENIENCE TO OUR



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1 CUSTOMERS. C.V.S. HAS BEEN A NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACY -- AND IT  
2 IS A PHARMACY. WE'VE DEVELOPED A GOOD COMMUNITY RELATIONS WITH  
3 THE SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NEARBY RESIDENTS, AND WE HAVE  
4 PARTNERED WITH NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
5 FASHIONS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF BOTH C.V.S. AND THE LOCAL  
6 SCHOOLS. WE CONSIDER OURSELVES TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO THE  
7 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A PETITION IN SUPPORT  
8 OF OUR APPLICATION AND NOTE THAT OVER THIS WEEKEND, WE MADE  
9 CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD EARLIER SIGNED  
10 PETITIONS IN OPPOSITION. AND WHEN THEY LEARNED WHAT THOSE  
11 PETITIONS WERE ACTUALLY ABOUT, THEY CHANGED THEIR MIND AND  
12 THEY ARE SUPPORTING OUR APPLICATION, AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO  
13 POINT OUT A FEW LETTERS THAT WE CONSIDER TO BE AFFIRMATIVE TO  
14 OUR POSITION. ONE IS DIRECTED TO JORGE BREZENIA WHO IS OUR  
15 STORE MANAGER. IT'S FROM THE HACIENDA- LA PUENTE SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT. I'LL READ THE FIRST SENTENCE "I WANT TO THANK YOU  
17 AND C.V.S. PHARMACY FOR BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO SUNSET  
18 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PARTNERING WITH US TO SUPPORT OUR  
19 STUDENTS." IT'S SIGNED BY ANN PIROCELLO, THE PRINCIPAL OF  
20 SUNSET ELEMENTARY. WE ALSO HAVE A LETTER FROM BASSETT UNIFIED  
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT DATED LAST DECEMBER. IT IS ACTUALLY DIRECTED  
22 TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA. BUT I CAN READ THE FIRST SENTENCE, "ON  
23 BEHALF OF THE WORKABILITY PROGRAM AT BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL  
24 DISTRICT, I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO CONFIRM THE PARTNERSHIP  
25 BETWEEN C.V.S. STORE 4065 AND THE W.A.I. PROGRAM. IT IS A



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1 STRONG AND REALISTIC COMMITMENT BETWEEN BUSINESS, EDUCATION  
2 AND THE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE A LETTER FROM THE HACIENDA LA  
3 PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SIMILAR IN NATURE ALSO BACK IN  
4 DECEMBER OF 2012. WE HAVE A LETTER FROM MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF  
5 LA PUENTE DATED NOVEMBER OF 2012, T THIS IS DIRECTED TO JORGE  
6 BREZENIO, OUR STORE MANAGER. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE A  
7 LETTER FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF  
8 COMMERCE ALSO DATED THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2012 ALSO IN  
9 FAVOR. THIS ONE DIRECTED TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I'D LIKE TO  
10 INDICATE THAT GIVEN THE IMPECCABLE TRACK RECORD AND THE  
11 RELATIONSHIP FORMED BY C.V.S. WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND THE  
12 GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT IT, THERE'S EVERY REASON TO  
13 FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND TO AFFIRM THE  
14 DETERMINATION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THANK YOU,  
15 SIR.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS  
18 EXPIRED. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
19 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

20  
21 **GABY RODRIGUEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS GABY RODRIGUEZ AND I LIVE IN LA  
22 PUENTE. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT C.V.S. C.V.S. HAS BEEN A  
23 RESPONSIBLE NEIGHBOR IN THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE APPROVAL OF  
24 THEIR REQUEST TO SELL BEER, WINE AND ALCOHOL WILL RESULT IN AN  
25 ADDED CONVENIENCE FOR CUSTOMERS LIKE ME. I'M HERE REPRESENTING





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1 LA PUENTE RESIDENTS, SOME WHO HAVE JOINED ME TODAY. AND I JUST  
2 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **THOMAS MCLEAN:** MY NAME IS THOMAS MICHAEL MCLEAN. I REPRESENT  
8 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BORDERING C.V.S., I REPRESENT ELLIOTT  
9 LIQUOR, SUNSET AVENUE LIQUOR, NELSON LIQUOR, ORANGE LIQUOR AND  
10 I GUESS THERE'S ONE MORE, GOLDEN JUG LIQUOR. ABOUT A MONTH  
11 AGO, I HAD CALLED G.T. NAZARRA FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
12 COMMISSION AND SPOKE WITH HER ABOUT WHAT I CALL THESE  
13 VIOLATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
14 FINDING AND ORDER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COUNTY  
15 OF LOS ANGELES DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2002 UNDER CONDITIONAL USE  
16 PERMIT 01-1941 PAGE 3 OF 7, NO. 16. THE PROJECT COMPLIES WITH  
17 SECTION 22-28-17-O.D.N.E. OF THE COUNTY CODE IN THAT NO  
18 OUTSIDE DISPLAY OR STORAGE IS PROPOSED. I TOLD MISS NAZEEN  
19 FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT THIS PROPERTY HAD A VERY  
20 LARGE CONTAINER ABOUT THE SIZE OF AN 18 WHEELER RIGHT OUTSIDE  
21 THE LOCATION OF THE DRIVE-UP WINDOW. MISS NAZARRA FROM THE  
22 PLANNING COMMISSION STATED THAT I MUST BE MISTAKEN AND INSTEAD  
23 THAT I MUST BE THINKING ABOUT THE BINS THAT THEY PUT CLOTHING  
24 IN TO BE DONATED TO THE NEEDY FAMILIES. I REALLY DIDN'T WANT  
25 TO GIVE HER THIS MUCH INFORMATION, BUT I DID. I FINALLY TOLD



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1 MISS NAZARRA FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT ON THE SIDE OF  
2 THE CONTAINER THAT'S FACING THE DRIVE-UP WINDOW, IT SAYS 1-  
3 800-662-8810, WW MOBILE STORAGE.COM. AND FOR HER TO CALL THIS  
4 NUMBER AND FIND OUT FOR HERSELF WHAT THE CONTAINER WAS. I  
5 OFFERED THESE PICTURES INTO EVIDENCE OF THE CONTAINER THAT'S  
6 BEEN VIOLATING THE PROPOSED THING FOR 10 YEARS. IT'S BEEN ON  
7 THEIR PROPERTY. AND FINALLY UNTIL SOMEBODY COMPLAINED ABOUT IT  
8 WAS IT MOVED. OKAY. BY THE ENTRANCE OF THE STORE, PROVIDED BY  
9 C.V.S., PUBLIC TRASH. IT HAS A COVER ON TOP OF THE FOUR SIDES,  
10 OF ALL FOUR SIDES THAT ARE OPEN SO THE PUBLIC CAN DISPOSE OF  
11 THEIR TRASH BY PEOPLE SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO PUT THEIR HANDS  
12 THROUGH THE OPENING OF THE CONTAINER TO DISPOSE OF THE TRASH.  
13 THE C.V.S. SUPPLIES THE PLASTIC BAGS, I GUESS DUMP IT WHEN  
14 IT'S FULL. NOW, IT HAS TO BE SEEN FROM THE INSIDE, I MEAN FROM  
15 WHEN THEY REPLACE THE BAGS, OKAY, WHEN THEY'RE FULL, IT HAS TO  
16 BE ALSO SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE WHICH IS A LIP, 3 TO 4 INCHES  
17 WIDE INSIDE AND VISIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE CONTAINER. PLEASE  
18 TAKE A LOOK AT THE FILTH, AND I SAY FILTH --

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY.

22

23 **THOMAS MCLEAN:** AND THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT HEALTH ISSUES? AND  
24 THIS IS A PHARMACY?

25



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

2

3    **THOMAS MCLEAN:** SHAME ON THEM.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE THANK  
6    YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8    **ARTIN NAKOUD:** MY NAME IS ARTIN NAKOUD I'M REPRESENTING GOLDEN  
9    JUG LIQUOR. MY DAD BOUGHT THE BUSINESS ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO  
10    AND WE'RE LOCATED ABOUT 1,000 FEET WEST OF THE C.V.S.  
11    CURRENTLY WHEN WE BOUGHT THE BUSINESS, THE BUSINESS WAS DOING  
12    VERY WELL. AND DUE TO THE ECONOMY AND THE STRUGGLES OF THE  
13    ECONOMY, THE BUSINESS HAS DROPPED ABOUT 30 PERCENT. IF C.V.S.  
14    ENDS UP GETTING THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE, THAT WILL DEVASTATE US  
15    HARSHLY TO THE POINT WHERE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO STAY  
16    OPEN. AS FAR AS FELLOW LIQUOR STORE OWNERS IN THE AREA, THEY  
17    HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS BUT I GUESS COULDN'T MAKE IT DOWN HERE  
18    TODAY. HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE I WILL BE TAKING OVER THE  
19    BUSINESS BECAUSE MY DAD IS GOING TO RETIRE PRETTY SOON. I WANT  
20    TO BE ABLE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MY OWN AND SURVIVE AND  
21    BE ABLE TO LIVE IN THE AREA OF LA PUENTE. SO IF THE C.V.S.  
22    DOES END UP GETTING THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE, THEN I GUARANTEE A  
23    LOT OF BUSINESSES IN THE AREA WILL CLOSE. THANK YOU.

24



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
2    SIR.

3

4    **ARTIN NAKOUD:** APPRECIATE IT.

5

6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT  
7    ARNOLD SACHS WHO WISHED TO BE HEARD WILL WAIVE. THEREFORE WE  
8    CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER AND WE TURN OUR  
9    ATTENTION TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HER MOTION.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD TAKE THE  
12   FOLLOWING ACTIONS. NUMBER ONE, DENY THE APPEAL. FIND THAT THE  
13   PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER C.E.Q.A. INDICATE THE  
14   BOARD'S INTENTION APPROVE THE C.U.P. TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF  
15   A FULL LINE OF ALCOHOL FOR OFFSITE CONSUMPTION AT THE C.V.S.  
16   STORE AND OF COURSE TO DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE  
17   NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE C.U.P.  
18   TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD TO CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE BOARD  
19   MEETING.

20

21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE PRESENT MATTER IS BEFORE US.  
22   IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. IS  
23   THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE PART  
24   OF THE STAFF? SEEING NONE, NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, IF THERE ARE  
25   NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE MOLINA



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1 MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM, MADAM EXECUTIVE  
2 OFFICER? MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT COMPLETES  
3 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN WE SHOULD  
6 PROCEED TO THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA WITH RESPECT TO THOSE  
7 CONSENT ITEMS. THERE ARE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THOSE  
8 ITEMS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN,  
9 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND NICOLE PARSON. IF YOU WOULD COME  
10 FORWARD, IT IS YOUR TIME TO BE HEARD. NICOLE, ARE YOU THERE IN  
11 LANCASTER? IF SO, WE WILL HEAR FROM YOU NOW.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NICOLE PASSED ON SPEAKING TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. PREVEN, IN VIEW OF THE FACT  
16 THAT YOU ARE TAKING YOUR SEAT, PLEASE PROCEED. I DID CALL  
17 ARNOLD SACHS FIRST. SO, ARNOLD, YOU'RE HERE. YOU MAY PROCEED.  
18 WE OBJECT NOT TO A DUET. ARNOLD, DO YOU WANT TO PROCEED FIRST?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SURE, I CAN DO THAT. I HELD SEVERAL ITEMS. I  
21 HELD ITEM NO. 10. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WANTS TO CHECK INTO  
22 THE GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND MY CONCERN WITH GETTING  
23 GRANTS FOR THE COUNTY AND/OR ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY IS YOU MAY  
24 GET THE GRANTS, BUT NOBODY REALLY FINDS OUT HOW MUCH OF THE  
25 GRANTS ARE SPENT TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC AND FOR WHATEVER



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1 OBLIGATION THOSE GRANTS MAY BE DIRECTED. YOU HAVE AN ITEM ON  
2 YOUR AGENDA REGARDING PROP 172 FUNDS FOR THE SHERIFFS TO  
3 FINANCE THE UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROL SERVICE BUDGET UNIT.  
4 HAS THAT BEEN USED BEFORE? AND THEN YOU HAVE MEASURE R, WHICH  
5 YOU ALL -- NO. SOME OF YOU TRIUMPHED. SOME OF YOU HAD  
6 CONCERNS. BUT NONE OF YOU HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE  
7 YEAR BEFORE MEASURE R WAS CONSIDERED, M.T.A. REVENUE FOR PROP  
8 A AND PROP C WAS APPROXIMATELY \$700 MILLION. AND THEN YOU CAME  
9 UP WITH MEASURE R BEING 1.333 BILLION. THAT'S QUITE AN  
10 INCREASE. YOU KNOW, WITH ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
11 ANGELES, NOBODY QUESTIONED IT. QUESTIONED SPENDING, BUT NOBODY  
12 QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE FROM 700 MILLION TO 1.333  
13 BILLION, WHICH, IN EFFECT, IF YOU LOOK AT IT IN THE TOTAL  
14 PICTURE, IF YOU INCLUDE THAT PRICE, THAT WOULD BE THE SAME  
15 AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED FOR PROP A AND  
16 PROP C. SO IN ESSENCE, YOU'RE ACTUALLY SHORTING THE PUBLIC  
17 APPROXIMATELY \$1.8 BILLION. BECAUSE EACH ONE OF THOSE HALF  
18 CENT MEASURES DON'T MEASURE UP TO THE 1.333 BILLION THAT YOU  
19 CLAIM FOR MEASURE R. I HELD ITEM 28-A. IT GOES BACK, ELIMINATE  
20 THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. DID YOU READ THE NEWSPAPER? IT  
21 WAS A \$600 MILLION HIT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. \$600  
22 MILLION. THAT'S LESS THAN YOUR MISS ON MEASURE R. YOU MISSED  
23 THE FORECAST ON MEASURE R BY LESS MONEY -- BY MORE MONEY THAN  
24 WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MISSED ON CLOSING THESE AIR  
25 TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. MAYBE YOU COULD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE





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1 LETTER TO THE M.T.A. BOARD. EVIDENTLY, NOBODY REALLY KNOWS  
2 WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON. AND THEN THE COLISEUM AUDITS, I  
3 HELD THAT. THIS IS INTERESTING BECAUSE, AGAIN, AND I DEAL A  
4 LOT WITH METRO, THERE'S A MEETING. THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR  
5 PROP A AND PROP C IS HOLDING A MEETING. IT'S AMAZING. IT SAYS  
6 HERE L.A.C. M.T.A. SCHEDULE OF PROP A AND PROP C REVENUES AND  
7 EXPENDITURES. THE REVENUES FOR PROP A, 649 MILLION. THE  
8 REVENUES FOR PROP C, 860 MILLION. HOW COULD THEY HAVE TWO  
9 DIFFERENT FUNDING FIGURES IN AN AUDIT? AND THAT DOESN'T  
10 INCLUDE MEASURE R. PICK A NUMBER FROM 1 TO C. OH. 1 TO 3, I  
11 DON'T KNOW. WHO KNOWS? WHO'S ON FIRST.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR. THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. MR.  
14 PREVEN FOLLOWED BY DR. CLAVREUL. SIR?

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 22 I THINK IT'S HELD BY  
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SO I WILL COME BACK LATER. ON ITEM 26,  
19 ABOUT THE ORDINANCE ABOUT PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE PUBLIC NOT TO  
20 HAVE TO PAY THE EMPLOYEE DIRECTLY FOR THE COST OF THE  
21 DOCUMENT. WELL, YOU KNOW, MYSELF, I HAVE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS  
22 ABOUT THE M.L.K. CORPORATION FOREVER AND EVER AND EVER, AND I  
23 STILL DON'T HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS I HAVE REQUESTED FOR,  
24 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE LEASE TO THAT CORPORATION. AND WHEN I'M  
25 TOLD BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I MEAN MR. FUJIOKA, I SHOULD SAY,



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1 THAT THERE IS NO LEASE SIGNED, BUT THEY SHOW THAT THEY HAVE  
2 PAID \$84,000 TO RENT, ALSO IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS,  
3 WHAT IS THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY FOR THIS CORPORATION TO  
4 USE OUR LOCAL WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENT ON FILE? ALSO, I WONDER IF  
5 ANYBODY CONTACTED THE MARTIN LUTHER KING FAMILY ON USING THEIR  
6 NAME FOR THAT CORPORATION. THEY ARE VERY TOUCHY USUALLY ON WHO  
7 USE THEIR NAME FOR ANY KIND OF BUSINESS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
8 WHAT PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO DO SUCH THING. LIKE I TOLD  
9 YOU LAST WEEK, I WILL BE BACK EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL I GET ALL  
10 THE DOCUMENTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ON THAT  
11 M.L.K. SO-CALLED CORPORATION. YOU KNOW, WE ARE PAYING HUGE  
12 AMOUNT OF SALARY OUT OF THE \$30 MILLION. WE HAVE MANY  
13 EMPLOYEES FROM THE COUNTY WHICH WE ARE ALSO PAYING, SUCH AS  
14 YOLANDA VERA, MARK DORADO, AND SO ON. SO ARE THOSE PEOPLE  
15 BEING DOUBLE PAID? AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE BUT ALSO AS PART OF  
16 THE M.L.K. CORPORATION? THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO  
17 KNOW. AND ON ITEM 27, I THINK YOU WILL BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT  
18 THAT THE BUDGETS ARE TOTALLY SEPARATE AND APPROPRIATE  
19 ALLOCATIONS ARE MADE TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE UNINCORPORATED  
20 AREAS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN FOLLOWED  
23 BY DANIEL GARCIA.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY  
2   RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY IT IS VERY  
3   OBVIOUS THAT THIS ROOM IS FULL OF INDIVIDUALS LIKE MYSELF  
4   WEARING PURPLE SHIRTS TODAY. AND I THINK THAT THE REASON FOR  
5   THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE 15 CENTS. [APPLAUSE.] IT HAS TO DO  
6   WITH THE 15 CENTS THAT WAS PROMISED BY THIS BOARD AND NOW IS  
7   BEING BLAMED ON OTHERS FOR IT NOT COMING TO FRUITION.  
8   OBVIOUSLY THE 9.50 IS APPRECIATED BUT IT WAS 9.65. AND I THINK  
9   THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO COME DOWN HERE AND  
10  ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES BECAUSE I THINK THEY FEEL THEY ARE  
11  DOING A SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
12  FOR PROVIDING THE CARE FOR THESE IN-HOUSE WORKERS. AND I THINK  
13  THAT NEEDS TO BE COMING ACROSS HERE DOWN HERE.

14

15  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. PREVEN? THE ITEMS FOR WHICH  
16  YOU SIGNED UP ARE NOT THAT WHICH YOU ARE ADDRESSING. I'M GOING  
17  TO TELL YOU. FOCUS ON THAT TO WHICH YOU SIGNED UP, PLEASE. ALL  
18  RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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20  **ERIC PREVEN:** AM I ALLOWED TO FOCUS ON THE PRESENTATIONS THAT  
21  HAPPENED EARLIER?

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23  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE OBLIGED TO FOCUS ON THAT  
24  WHICH IS LISTED ON YOUR REQUEST.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** APPRECIATE THAT, SIR.

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3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO KEEP TALKING AND  
4 TALK SLOW BECAUSE YOUR TIME IS MOVING.

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6   **ERIC PREVEN:** EASY THERE. ITEM NO. 19, SIR, YOUR HONOR, YOUR  
7 HONOR, HONORABLE, FUNNY AND HONORABLE ONE, IS OF COURSE THE  
8 SHERIFF IS GOING TO BE ASKED TO PROVIDE SOME MORE DETAIL TO  
9 HIS UNINCORPORATED AREA'S BUDGET. THAT IS WELCOME REQUEST FROM  
10 THE BOARD. AND OF COURSE THERE NEEDS TO BE A LOT OF SCRUTINY  
11 ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET GOING FORWARD. ONE OF THE BIG CONCERNS  
12 IS THAT NOW WE HAVE THE SHERIFF'S "CHARLIE'S ANGELS"  
13 INITIATIVE, WHICH HE BROUGHT IN THREE VERY SENIOR SHERIFF  
14 WOMEN TO SORT OF TAKE NEW ROLES IN I.A.B., I.C.I.B. AND THEN  
15 OF COURSE TERRI MCDONALD IS GOING TO BE THE ASSISTANT OVER  
16 CUSTODY. SHE'S BILLED AS A GREAT REFORMER. I MEAN SHE'S A  
17 GREAT ADMINISTRATOR, BUT I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT. AND, FRANKLY,  
18 I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED BECAUSE THIS WHOLE OPERATION SEEMED TO  
19 BE MOVING AWAY FROM A BRAND NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION. I THINK  
20 THAT PETER ELIASBERG AND SHERIFF BACA CAME TO SOME DISCUSSION  
21 ABOUT THE AUSTIN REPORT, WHICH WAS A ROAD MAP AWAY FROM DOING  
22 ADDITIONAL JAIL CONSTRUCTION AND NOW WE ARE FACING LAST WEEK  
23 ANOTHER 900 AND SOMETHING MILLION DOLLARS. AND I'M CONCERNED  
24 THAT IN THE PROCESS WE'RE GOING TO PUSH THIS THROUGH WITHOUT  
25 SUSTAINED SCRUTINY ABOUT THAT DECISION. THAT'S A BAD DECISION.



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1 I THINK THAT PEOPLE HAVE COME DOWN HERE ON NUMEROUS TIMES TO  
2 MAKE IT CLEAR. I WOULD LOVE IT IF THE PUBLIC RADIO AND PUBLIC  
3 TELEVISION STATIONS WOULD GIVE THOSE VOICES A CHANCE TO BE  
4 HEARD AS WELL. I NOTED THAT MCDONALD WAS ROLLED OUT AS PART OF  
5 SHERIFF BACA'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN LAST WEEK. THE ITEM NO. 28-A  
6 BECAUSE THERE ARE THREE 28 ITEMS. 28-B, IS SUPERVISOR KNABE  
7 REMINDING US OF THE COLISEUM COMMISSION DEBACLE WHEREBY  
8 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WALKED AWAY, MAYBE MILLIONS  
9 WITHOUT MUCH ACCOUNTABILITY EVEN AS MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD SIT  
10 IN OVERSIGHT THERE AND NOW HE'S ASKING FOR THE TREASURER TAX  
11 COLLECTOR TO HELP GET \$56,000 IN MONEY THAT'S OWED, AND HE  
12 WOULD LIKE THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR TO BE ABLE TO CHARGE  
13 FOR THAT. THAT WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A RED FLAG BECAUSE I CAN'T  
14 QUITE UNDERSTAND WHY, GIVEN THAT WE WOULD GO FOR THAT. ITEM 23  
15 IS AN ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
16 EXTENSION TO GET AN R.F.P. COMPLETED IF I MAY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE TERM MAXIMUM DIDN'T APPEAR.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU TOOK A FEW MINUTES OF MINE.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. GARCIA. YOU'RE WELCOME TO  
2    RETURN, MR. PREVEN. MR. GARCIA, PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

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4    **DANIEL GARCIA:** I WANT TO TALK ABOUT 23 AND 24. ITEM 23, THERE  
5    IS NO MENTION WHATSOEVER ON THE ITEM TO HELP PEOPLE WITH  
6    DISABILITIES. AND I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE IS GOING TO BE -- IF  
7    YOU ARE GOING TO INCORPORATE MORE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN  
8    THAT PLAN. IF SO, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER -- AND PEOPLE  
9    WHO HAVE -- VERY MUCH. I WANT TO SAY IN ITEM 54, ITEM 54 IS  
10   HOUSING. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO TALK  
11   ABOUT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE IN THE STREET, THE NUMBER  
12   OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT IT SHOULD  
13   BE A BIGGER EMPHASIS ON ACQUIRING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
14   AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR ALL. [APPLAUSE.] IF YOU  
15   DO NOT HAVE THIS -- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT LANGUAGE IN THIS  
16   PLAN ON ITEM 24, YOU ARE DOOMED TO FAIL. SO, PLEASE, PLEASE I  
17   BEGGING YOU AS CITIZENS AND AS A PERSON WITH DISABILITY, PUT  
18   AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
19   [APPLAUSE.]

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND  
22   GENTLEMEN -- (GAVEL). THE RULES OF THE BOARD ARE THAT IF YOU  
23   WISH TO AFFIRM A SPEAKER'S COMMENTS, YOU DO SO BY SIMPLY  
24   GIVING AN INDICATION THAT YOU ARE SEEKING TO RAISE THE ROOF.





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1 APPLAUSE IS NOT ORDINARILY PERMITTED IN THE BOARDROOM. JUAN  
2 ALCALA WILL BE THE FINAL SPEAKER AT THIS POINT. MR. ALCALA.

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4 **JUAN ALCALA:** MY NAME IS JUAN ALCALA, THEY CALL ME THE DOGHOUSE  
5 DUDE. I JUST CAME FROM CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE WE ALL NEED TO  
6 SPEAK. CITIZENS, WE NEED TO SPEAK BECAUSE IF WE WANT THINGS  
7 DONE PROPERLY, WE HAVE TO BE HERE TELLING THE COUNTY, TELLING  
8 THE CITY, TELLING THE STATE, TELLING THE NATION WHAT WE REALLY  
9 WANT. WE WANT HOUSING FOR EVERYBODY. THIS IS THE FIRST ITEM IN  
10 MY AGENDA. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR AGENDA IS, BUT MY ITEM IS  
11 THAT WE SHOULD NOT HAVE ANYBODY HOMELESS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THANK YOU. SIR? MY AGENDA  
14 IS TO CAUSE YOU TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED UP,  
15 WHICH IS 19. THANK YOU.

16

17 **JUAN ALCALA:** YEAH, 24 IS ABOUT HOUSING, RIGHT?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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21 **JUAN ALCALA:** OH, 19?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT IS THE L.A. COUNTY  
24 SHERIFF'S.

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1   **JUAN ALCALA:** THEY HAD RUN OUT OF AGENDAS, SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW  
2   WHAT WE'RE SPEAKING ON.

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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6   **JUAN ALCALA:** HOW CAN I KNOW WHEN THERE'S NO AGENDAS?

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'VE DONE WELL, THANK YOU.

9

10   **JUAN ALCALA:** AGENDAS FOR EVERYONE.

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12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND  
13   YOUR COOPERATION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT IS BEFORE US  
14   AT THIS POINT? MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ITEMS NO.  
15   10, 11, 19, 24, ITEM NO. 25 WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, 26,  
16   28-A, 28-B AND 28-C ARE BEFORE YOU.

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US.  
19   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS.  
20   IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
21   NEXT ITEMS, PLEASE.

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23   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND YOU MAY WANT TO  
24   BEGIN WITH YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIALS, THE THIRD  
25   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT --



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE PROCEED,  
3 THEN, TO ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US IN ORDER OF THE THIRD,  
4 FOURTH, FIFTH AND FIRST DISTRICTS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
5 YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS AND ITEMS HELD.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE BUT ONE ADJOURNING  
8 MOTION. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF NOAH LANGHOLZ,  
9 A RESIDENT OF PASADENA AND A YOUNG MAN OF GREAT PROMISE WHO  
10 RECENTLY DIED TRAGICALLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 22. HE  
11 WAS A GRADUATE OF WAVERLY SCHOOL AND A STUDENT AT WESLEYAN  
12 UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2014. HIS INTERESTS INCLUDED FILM,  
13 PHOTOGRAPHY, ARCHITECTURE AND LANGUAGES, AND HIS EXPERIENCE  
14 WORKING FOR SAN FRANCISCO BASED ARCHITECTURE FIRM HELPED TO  
15 SET HIM ON AN ACADEMIC CAREER PATH TO PURSUE A STUDIO ART  
16 MAJOR. HE WAS ON THE WESLEYAN SAILING TEAM AND HIS INTEREST IN  
17 FILM LED HIM TO A CAMPUS JOB AS A PROJECTIONIST FOR THE FILM  
18 SERIES. HE WAS KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS A COMPASSIONATE,  
19 THOUGHTFUL AND ENGAGING INDIVIDUAL, AND HIS DEATH IS A  
20 TREMENDOUS LOSS TO NOT ONLY HIS FAMILY BUT LARGER CIRCLES OF  
21 PASADENA AND WESLEYAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, BRYAN  
22 LANGHOLZ AND SUSAN AUERBACH; A BROTHER, BEN; AND OTHER FAMILY  
23 MEMBERS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** SO ORDERED. ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT. SACHI, DID THE GREEN SHEET ITEMS  
3 GET APPROVED?

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, THEY DID.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN I WILL MOVE FORWARD THE MY ADJOURNMENTS.  
8 FIRST OF ALL ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN MEMORY OF NICK  
9 ANDRIZZI, A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND FATHER-IN-LAW OF  
10 GWEN ANDRIZZI OF THE LOS ANGELES, OUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE, PASSED  
11 AWAY LAST NIGHT. ALL MEMBERS, YES. NICK IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
12 THREE SONS, JIM, ROSS, AND NICK; A DAUGHTER, SERENA; FOUR  
13 GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED  
14 BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL OF US WHOSE LIVES HE SO RICHLY  
15 TOUCHED. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND OF  
16 MINE. MR. LOU PILTZ, A FORMER LA MIRADA CITY COUNCILMAN AND  
17 MAYOR WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 20. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY AIR  
18 CORPS, RELOCATED TO LONG BEACH AND LA MIRADA. HE WAS A STORE  
19 MANAGER AND IMPLEMENTED A PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE SURPLUS FOOD  
20 TO ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE POOR. HE CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION  
21 AND RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE. HE LOVED VOLUNTEERING MEALS  
22 ON WHEELS, SENIOR MENTORING PROGRAM, KIWANIS CLUB, SENIOR NET  
23 LEARNING. HE ALSO READ BOOKS FOR THE TINY TOT PROGRAM. VERY  
24 ACTIVE IN THE CITY IN THE RED CROSS RIO HONDO CHAPTER. WAS  
25 WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT AND WELL LIKED AND LOVED BY HIS



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1 COMMUNITY. HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH OHR AND  
2 RABBI MIKE GOLDFARB DESCRIBED LOU AS A SWEET AND HUMOROUS MAN  
3 WITH A STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. SURVIVED BY HIS  
4 WIFE, SYLVIA; SON, FRED; DAUGHTER, JAN; AND FIVE  
5 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OPHELIA  
6 MCFADDEN, LONGTIME CHAMPION FOR HOME CARE WORKERS WHO PASSED  
7 AWAY SATURDAY, MARCH 16 FOLLOWING A PROLONGED ILLNESS. FOR  
8 MORE THAN 30 YEARS OPHELIA WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY S.E.I.U.  
9 LEADER, ORGANIZER AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST. HER PASSION WAS  
10 FIGHTING TO HELP THE WOMEN AND MEN WHO WERE HOME CARE WORKERS  
11 IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIVES. FOR HER, THE BATTLE CRY WAS  
12 "INVISIBLE NO MORE." SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE  
13 VICE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U., A.F.L.-C.I.O., THE FIRST AFRICAN  
14 AMERICAN WOMAN TO SERVE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION  
15 OF LABOR BOARD. SHE WAS ONE OF THE GREAT LABOR PARTNERS WE  
16 EVER HAD. SHE WAS ONE-OF-A-KIND AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.  
17 OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO OPHELIA'S FAMILY. ALSO WE  
18 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANOTHER LONGTIME FRIEND, RUTH WRIGHT, WHO  
19 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 91. LONGTIME RESIDENT AND  
20 EDUCATOR IN LONG BEACH. SHE WAS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER,  
21 A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, A VICE PRINCIPAL. SHE WAS MEMBERS OF  
22 NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS, BUT HER GREATEST PASSION WAS THE LONG  
23 BEACH COLLEGE FOUNDATION AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC. SHE  
24 WAS FULL OF ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, OPTIMISM AND KINDNESS. HER  
25 LOVE FOR OTHERS HAD NO BOUNDARY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER



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1 DAUGHTER JULIE, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW ANDREA AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.  
2 SHE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF BILLIE LEE BREHM, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NORWALK AND  
4 MOTHER OF GREG KORDUNER, THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OF LOS  
5 ALAMITOS, FORMERLY IN SOUTH EL MONTE AND HUNTINGTON PARK. HE  
6 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 25TH AFTER A LENGTHY ILLNESS. SHE WAS 84  
7 AND WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. SHE WAS A GRADUATE FROM CERRITOS  
8 COLLEGE AND ENJOYED BEING A HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER. SHE IS  
9 SURVIVED BY HER SONS, GREG AND PAUL. THOSE ARE MY  
10 ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
13 KNABE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BALDO  
16 KRISTOVICH, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE  
17 AGE OF 98. HE HAD SERVED THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC  
18 ADMINISTRATOR PUBLIC GUARDIAN IN YEARS PAST, ACTIVE IN MANY  
19 LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS. HIS DAUGHTER CURRENTLY SERVES AS A MEMBER  
20 OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, MARLENE. AND HE LEAVES HIS  
21 CHILDREN, MARLENE AND THOMAS. JON SALATA PASSED AWAY AT THE  
22 AGE OF 78, A GRADUATE FROM FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL. SERVED IN THE  
23 UNITED STATES ARMY, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
24 CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION. JOHN AND HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY WERE  
25 QUITE INVOLVED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HIS ONE BROTHER WAS ALL





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1 AMERICA AT U.S.C. AND A GREAT FOOTBALL PLAYER WITH THE SAN  
2 FRANCISCO 49ERS. HIS BROTHER TOM IS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE  
3 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND HE WAS JUST A WONDERFUL MAN,  
4 WONDERFUL MOTHER AND FATHER. QUITE INVOLVED WITH HIS CHURCH,  
5 WHICH WAS ST. STEVENS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO JOIN IN WITH  
6 OPHELIA MCFADDEN'S PASSING. SHE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE  
7 SHE ATTACKED PROBLEMS AND NOT PEOPLE. SHE WORKED FOR EMPLOYEE  
8 EQUITY WITH A KEEN AWARENESS OF THE COUNTY'S FISCAL  
9 RESPONSIBILITIES. SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING THE HOME  
10 CARE PROVIDERS AND PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN ESTABLISHING LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICIES. A GREAT FRIEND,  
12 GREAT SUPPORTER. AND HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON HER PASSING. ANDREW  
13 PAPAC, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
14 OF 67. HE FOLLOWED IN HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS, ANDREW PAPAC AND  
15 SON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR OVER 50 YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED  
16 BY HIS SISTERS, ANDREA AND GEORGANNA; AND NIECES AND NEPHEWS.  
17 MARION EASTLAKE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE HAD JOINED  
18 THE PRODUCTION STAFF AT N.B.C. RADIO, HELPED PRODUCE  
19 BROADCASTS WITH THE N.B.C. ORCHESTRA. ALSO WORKED WITH THE  
20 CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES, AN ASSISTED- LIVING HOME. SHE IS  
21 SURVIVED BY HER SON, CARLETON; AND HER BROTHER, JOHN. ARIA  
22 DOHERTY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 13. SHE WAS A STRAIGHT A  
23 STUDENT AT NOBLE CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
24 HER PARENTS, RICHARD AND CAROLYN; AND HER SISTER. EUGENE  
25 JACKSON ALLENSWORTH, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NEWHALL IN THE SANTA



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1 CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. HE HAD SERVED IN  
2 WORLD WAR II WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND LATER  
3 BECAME A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE  
4 SERVED AS AN OFFICER, POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SON, THEIR SONS AND HIS  
6 SIX GRANDCHILDREN. RETIRED DEPUTY JOHN HEARN PASSED AWAY AT  
7 THE AGE OF 72. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH THE EAST LOS  
8 ANGELES SHERIFF'S STATION. IN ARDEN FJELSTED, LONGTIME  
9 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, LANCASTER. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
10 OF 93. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND A TEST PILOT FOR  
11 AMERICAN ROCKWELL AND EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. ACTIVE MEMBER  
12 WITH KIWANIS, ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR AND HE LEAVES HIS FAMILY.  
13 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 19.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FOR RECONSIDERATION? IT'S BEFORE  
20 US, WITHOUT OBJECTION. PROCEED, SIR.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PEOPLE SIGNED UP?

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT WAS ALREADY APPROVED.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS RECONSIDERED SUPERVISOR.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE QUESTION IS THIS DEALS WITH  
4    THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. FUJIOKA, HOW DO WE CURRENTLY  
5    FUND THE UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROL?

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7    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ARE YOU SPEAKING TO THE TYPE OF REVENUE WE  
8    USE? IT'S PRINCIPALLY PROP 172 DOLLARS, THERE'S ALSO SOME NET  
9    COUNTY DOLLARS IN THAT PARTICULAR BUDGET.

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11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE PROP 172 REVENUES FALL BELOW THE  
12    REQUIRED AMOUNT IN THE FUTURE, WHAT OTHER FUNDS WOULD WE USE?

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14    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'D PROBABLY HAVE TO LOOK AT -- WE'D LOOK TO  
15    OUR GENERAL FUND.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO BE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO UNINTENDED  
18    CONSEQUENCES OF JUST USING 172 AND IF THOSE FUNDS WOULD DROP,  
19    LET ME FIRST STATE THAT WE WANT TO THANK THE C.E.O. AND THE  
20    AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FOR THEIR WORK WITH THIS AND THE SHERIFF'S  
21    DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE UNINCORPORATED PATROLS ARE  
22    VERY IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OUR COMMUNITIES THAT  
23    WE REPRESENT. AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE ARE THE MAYOR AND THE  
24    CITY COUNCIL FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WE'RE THEIR  
25    FIRST LINE OF CONTACT WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE



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1 THAT THEY ARE FULLY AWARE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE AN  
2 AMENDMENT TO 19, MR. CHAIRMAN, WHICH WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
3 APPROVE THE ITEM, AMEND ITEM 2 OF THE BOARD LETTER AS FOLLOWS,  
4 QUOTE, "APPROVE AND INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO BUDGET PROPOSITION  
5 172 REVENUE TO FULLY FINANCE THE UNINCORPORATED AREA PATROL  
6 SERVICE'S BUDGET UNIT AND USE OTHER FUNDS, INCLUDING GENERAL  
7 FUNDS, STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY  
8 FUNDING WHEN STATE PROPOSITION 172 REVENUE DROPS BELOW THE  
9 REQUIRED AMOUNT."

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION? IT'S  
13 BEEN SECONDED BY BOTH SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
14 AND I RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE JUST GET AN EXPLANATION FROM THE  
17 C.E.O. WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS FINANCIALLY ARE OF THIS?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE WILL.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK IT IS BEING APPROVED NOW.

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND IN TALKING TO  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE PRINCIPAL CONCERN IS INSURING THAT



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1 THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR OUR UNINCORPORATED PATROL  
2 SERVICES REMAIN.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND SHOULD PROP 172 FAIL OR FALL BELOW OUR  
7 PROJECTIONS, THAT WE DO -- WE COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THAT FUNDING LEVEL  
9 THROUGH OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES. AND SO SHOULD ANYTHING  
10 HAPPEN, WE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A REPORT AND A  
11 RECOMMENDATION THAT WOULD MAINTAIN THAT LEVEL. TODAY'S ACTION  
12 GIVES US THE ABILITY TO CLOSELY MONITOR EXPENDITURES OF THE  
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR UNINCORPORATED PATROL. AND SO WE CAN  
14 QUICKLY COME BACK TO YOU IF WE IDENTIFY A PROBLEM AND WITH  
15 APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS MY QUESTION IS IN THE ABSENCE OF  
18 THIS AMENDMENT, HOW WOULD YOU HAVE PAID FOR THIS?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE WOULD COME BACK TO YOU WITH RECOMMENDATIONS  
21 FOR APPROPRIATE FUNDING SOURCES. AND THAT MOST LIKELY WOULD  
22 COME THROUGH N.C.C., BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF  
23 OTHER GRANTS OR OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULDN'T YOU RECOMMEND THE 172 MONEY AS  
2    IS RECOMMENDED HERE?

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4    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WHAT HE'S -- WHAT SUPERVISOR  
5    ANTONOVICH IS MENTIONING, SHOULD THAT REVENUE FALL BELOW A  
6    LEVEL THAT FULLY FUNDS OR SUPPORTS UNINCORPORATED PATROL, WHAT  
7    OPTIONS WOULD WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT SEE A REDUCTION  
8    IN SERVICES.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SEE.

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12   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MISREAD IT. YOU'RE CORRECT. THANK YOU FOR  
15   THAT.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HAVING CLARIFIED THE  
18   ITEMS, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS BEFORE US ON THIS? SO ITEM 19  
19   IS RECONSIDERED. IT IS BEFORE US. IT IS AMENDED AND MOVED BY  
20   SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE  
21   ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE BALANCE OF THE  
2    AGENDA, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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4    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S ADJOURNMENTS.

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6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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8    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** HER ITEMS, HER SPECIALS.

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS  
11   THE FLOOR. ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS, BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
14   ITEMS NO. 14, 19 AND 22.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. 19?

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18   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 19? WE JUST FINISHED 19. 19, 22  
19   AND 23?

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THOSE ARE BEFORE US.  
24   SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I'M GOING TO QUICKLY JUST TAKE CARE OF AN  
25   ADJOURNMENT, IF THAT'S OKAY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SURE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT WE'RE DONE WITH ALL THE  
5 ADJOURNMENTS, LET ME ADD MY VOICE TO ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF  
6 OPHELIA COLLINS MCFADDEN. BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR  
7 ANTONOVICH HAVE ALREADY COMMENTED ON HER, SUPERVISOR  
8 YAROSLAVSKY AND I WERE AT HER MEMORIAL SERVICE, FRAZER ZION  
9 BAPTIST CHURCH THIS PAST SATURDAY, A FITTING HOME-GOING  
10 SERVICE FOR HER. SHE MADE HER MARK. SHE WAS ON THE BOARD OF  
11 DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WHEN  
12 I WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THERE IN THE '80S. WE MAINTAINED A  
13 RELATIONSHIP OF CONSEQUENCE GROUNDED IN A FUNDAMENTAL  
14 COMMITMENT FOR THE DIGNITY OF ALL LABOR, PARTICULARLY HOME  
15 CARE WORKERS WHO SEEK TO PROVIDE SOLACE, COMFORT AND A QUALITY  
16 OF LIFE FOR THEIR PATIENTS. THEY ARE CAREGIVERS. THEY ARE  
17 IMPORTANT TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS. THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO US. IN  
18 MANY RESPECTS, OPHELIA MCFADDEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN HER VERY  
19 LIFE. HER ADVOCACY AND HER WORK. AND THE LEGACY OF THAT WORK  
20 IS STILL WITH US AND HAS EXPANDED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF  
21 CALIFORNIA AND EVEN, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF  
22 S.E.I.U., MARY KAY HENRY, THROUGHOUT THE NATION. SO WHAT  
23 HAPPENED IN LOS ANGELES? WHAT HAPPENED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24 HAS BEEN SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. AND WE APPROPRIATELY GIVE  
25 ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE LEADERSHIP, THE LIFE, THE LEGACY OF



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1 OPHELIA COLLINS MCFADDEN. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. SUPERVISOR  
2 MOLINA.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS ON THE PASSING OF  
7 OPHELIA COLLINS MCFADDEN. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE ITEMS THAT I AM  
10 CALLING UP ARE 14, 22 AND 23. THANK YOU FOR THE CLARIFICATION.  
11 I'VE INTRODUCED THIS MOTION AND HELD BOTH THE GENERAL RELIEF  
12 OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE GROW CONTRACT AND  
13 THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE WIA  
14 CONTRACT. THESE ARE BOARD LETTERS BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT  
15 THE BOARD'S ACTION TODAY THAT MAY THREATEN THE VERY EXISTENCE  
16 OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH A 40-YEAR HISTORY OF EMPOWERING WOMEN,  
17 PROVIDING JOB PLACEMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE AND  
18 HOMELESS SHELTERS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND THE UNDERSERVED  
19 POPULATIONS IN THE COUNTY. CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER IS A  
20 SOCIAL SERVICE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN A COUNTY  
21 CONTRACTOR FOR OVER 35 YEARS. IF THAT TIME, CHICANA BEEN A  
22 TRUE PARTNER TO THE COUNTY. WHEN THE COUNTY WANTED TO LAUNCH  
23 THE GROW PROGRAM, CHICANA OPENED THE FIRST 7 OF 14 THE SITES  
24 WITH LITTLE MORE THAN A HANDSHAKE. THROUGHOUT THESE 35 YEARS,  
25 CHICANA HAS HANDLED NUMEROUS CONTRACTS BOTH FOR THE COMMUNITY



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1 AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HAS PROVIDED VITAL SERVICES TO  
3 PREDOMINANTLY LOW INCOME, MINORITY AND LIMITED ENGLISH  
4 SPEAKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
5 AREAS OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THE FIFTH DISTRICTS. AS HAPPENS  
6 TO MANY NONPROFITS AND EACH OF US HAVE MANY OF THESE WITHIN  
7 OUR OWN DISTRICTS, CHICANA HAS HAD ITS SHARE OF CHALLENGES.  
8 HOWEVER, UNLIKE MANY NONPROFITS, CHICANA HAS TAKEN THE  
9 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUES THAT AROSE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
10 THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT, CHICANA HAS MADE ALL THE  
11 NEEDED CHANGES, HAS REIMBURSED THE COUNTY FOR ALL DISALLOWED  
12 COSTS AND HAS SUBMITTED ALL REQUESTED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS.  
13 DESPITE THE LACK OF EVIDENCE OF ANY SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH ANY  
14 OTHER CHICANA CONTRACTS, THE PROPOSED D.P.S.S. GROW BOARD  
15 LETTER ON TODAY'S AGENDA EXCLUDES CHICANA FROM A NINE-MONTH  
16 CONTRACT EXTENSION RECOMMENDED FOR OTHER PROVIDERS. THIS IS  
17 SO, ALTHOUGH CHICANA HAS BEEN PROVIDING GROW SERVICES FOR 14  
18 YEARS SINCE 1999. ALSO ACCORDING TO D.P.S.S.'S MOST RECENT  
19 GROW REPORT AS LATE AS DECEMBER 2012. CHICANA'S ORIENTATION  
20 PROGRAM ATTAINED THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE OF ALL GROW SITES.  
21 BOTH SAN GABRIEL AND THE POMONA LOCATIONS ATTAINED 90 PERCENT  
22 CLIENT PARTICIPATION RATES IN DECEMBER. METRO EAST ACHIEVED 86  
23 PARTICIPATION IN RATE IN DECEMBER. CHICANA'S POMONA SITE  
24 ACHIEVED A JOB PLACEMENT RATE OF 73 PERCENT, ONE OF THE  
25 HIGHEST JOB PLACEMENT RATES AMONG PROVIDERS IN THE COUNTY FOR



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1 ONE YEAR. BESIDES THE LOSS OF THE GROW CONTRACT, THE FAILURE  
2 TO INCLUDE CHICANA IN THE GROW EXTENSION WILL NEGATIVELY  
3 IMPACT CHICANA'S CURRENT AND FUTURE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT  
4 CONTRACT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT.  
5 EVEN THOUGH CHICANA IS CONSIDERED A CONTRACT, IN QUOTE, GOOD  
6 STANDING WITH THAT DEPARTMENT. I UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT THE  
7 NEED TO BE CAUTIOUS IN DEALING WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
8 FACING FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES. AS FIDUCIARIES, I  
9 AM WELL AWARE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PRUDENT WITH PUBLIC  
10 FUNDS. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE IN CONSISTENCY, FAIRNESS AND EQUAL  
11 TREATMENT IN OUR DEALINGS WITH ALL CONTRACTORS. IN THE LAST  
12 SEVERAL MONTHS, D.P.S.S. HAS ALLOWED THE FOLLOWING CHICANA  
13 CONTRACTS TO EXPIRE, THE CALWORKS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORTIVE  
14 SERVICES CONTRACT, THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILINGUAL SHELTER IN  
15 EAST LOS ANGELES CONTRACT AND THE FREE SPIRIT SHELTER  
16 CONTRACT. ADDITIONALLY, D.P.S.S. HAS DISQUALIFIED CHICANA FOR  
17 APPLYING FOR THE CALFRESH OUTREACH PROGRAM AND FROM  
18 CONSIDERATION FOR A NEW C.S.B.G. CONTRACT. WHY? ALTHOUGH THE  
19 DEPARTMENT HAS THE DISCRETION TO SELECT ITS CONTRACTORS, SUCH  
20 DISCRETION MUST BE JUDICIOUSLY APPLIED AND NOT ARBITRARY. AN  
21 INDEPENDENT REVIEW BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOUND THAT D.P.S.S.  
22 DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION FOR THREE OF THE FOUR  
23 REASONS IT GAVE FOR DISQUALIFYING CHICANA'S PROPOSAL FOR THE  
24 CALFRESH SOLICITATION. NOW D.P.S.S. WANTS TO EXCLUDE CHICANA  
25 FROM THIS GROW CONTRACT EXTENSION. AND THERE IS EVERY



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1 INDICATION THAT D.P.S.S. INTENDS TO DISQUALIFY CHICANA FROM  
2 CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE GROW CONTRACT RENEWAL, AS WELL. TIME  
3 AND TIME AGAIN, THE BOARD HAS AUTHORIZED MONTH-TO-MONTH  
4 CONTRACTS WITH NONPROFITS AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
5 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO MAXIMIZE THE COUNTY'S FLEXIBILITY IN  
6 RESPONDING IMMEDIATELY TO ISSUES OF CONCERN THAT MAY RISE IN  
7 THE COURSE OF A CONTRACT. THE GROW BOARD LETTER PROVIDES SUCH  
8 SAFEGUARDS WITH A MONTH-TO-MONTH CONTRACT EXTENSION AND  
9 APPROPRIATE DELEGATED AUTHORITY. I URGE THIS BOARD TO NOT UNDO  
10 IN ONE INSTANCE WHAT HAS TAKEN OVER 40 YEARS TO BUILD. WITH  
11 THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CALL UPON THE  
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER,  
13 SOPHIA ESPARZA, AND BOARD MEMBERS, PHILLIS NAVARETTE AND MARY  
14 MARGARET FRANCO. IF THEY'D COME UP AND JOIN US, I'D LIKE THEM  
15 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MAY I SAY THAT THERE  
18 ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS  
19 ITEM, WHICH MEANS THAT WE WILL BE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING MODE  
20 ON THE ITEM FOR APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR IF EACH ARE EXTENDED TWO  
21 MINUTES. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WILL DO FOR THE NEXT APPROXIMATELY  
22 ONE HOUR. TWO MINUTES FOR EACH PERSON WHO WILL SPEAK OF THE  
23 25. MA'AM, PROCEED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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1   **SOPHIA ESPARZA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
2   OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS SOPHIA ESPARZA AND I'M THE CHIEF  
3   EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER. AS  
4   SUPERVISOR MOLINA POINTED OUT, THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED IN  
5   1972. AND WE HAVE OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH  
6   AND SUCCESSFULLY MANAGING AND OPERATING DIVERSE PROGRAMS FOR  
7   THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YES, MY ORGANIZATION HAD  
8   SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WITH THE COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT  
9   PROGRAM. WE ACKNOWLEDGED THOSE PROGRAMS. WE REPAID ALL THE  
10   FUNDS OWED TO THE COUNTY. WE REMOVED ALL EMPLOYEES THAT WERE  
11   RESPONSIBLE AND IMPLEMENTED A COMPLETE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.  
12   AS A RESULT OF THAT PROBLEM, WE HAVE LOST THE C.S.B.G.  
13   CONTRACT AND HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED FROM THE CALFRESH CONTRACT,  
14   AS WELL. WE ACCEPT THOSE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE C.S.B.G.  
15   PROGRAM BECAUSE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH  
16   THAT AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT NEEDED TO TAKE ITS FIDUCIARY  
17   RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER -- AND WE DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AS A  
18   NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT WE HAVE CORRECTED THOSE ACTIONS.  
19   HOWEVER, THE CONTRACTS BEFORE YOU TODAY ARE FOR BOTH THE ADULT  
20   EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS UNDER WIA AND THE GROW GENERAL  
21   OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK PROGRAM. AND AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
22   MENTIONED, WE DID OPEN SEVEN OF THE 14 ORIGINAL SITES WITH  
23   VERY MUCH A HANDSHAKE ON THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE NEEDED TO RUN  
24   TO IT. WE'VE HAD GOOD PERFORMANCE THERE. AND WE WANT TO  
25   CONTINUE TO BE A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF PROVIDING



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1 VERY MUCH NEEDED SERVICES TO THE CONSTITUENTS UNDER GROW.  
2 UNDER THE ADULT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
3 SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND THAT C.S.A.C. IS IN GOOD  
4 STANDING AND WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE US ALONG WITH 41 OTHER  
5 AGENCIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE WIA PROGRAM PROVIDING ADULTS AND  
6 DISLOCATED. ON THE GROW PROGRAM, HOWEVER, D.P.S.S. HAS DECIDED  
7 TO NOT EXTEND OUR CURRENT CONTRACT FOR SERVICE PROVISIONS  
8 WITHIN THE GROW. AND THESE ACTIONS SEEM TO BE INCONSISTENT TO  
9 US BETWEEN ONE OR THE OTHER. REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE  
10 DO NOT HAVE AN ENDEMIC PROBLEM AT THE AGENCY. AND WE BELIEVE  
11 THAT THE WAY THAT THIS IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IS A DE FACTO  
12 DEBARMENT OF OUR NONPROFIT. WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE  
13 COMPREHENSIVE TERMINATION OF GRANTS. AND WE WOULD ASK  
14 RESPECTFULLY THAT YOU CONSIDER AND INSTRUCT D.P.S.S. TO EXTEND  
15 OUR CONTRACT FOR GROW AND THAT YOU SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND  
16 SENIOR SERVICES CONTRACT. AND THAT'S BASED NOT ON JUST OUR  
17 POLICY OR BELIEF, BUT WE WANT TO CALL BACK TO THE AUDITOR-  
18 CONTROLLER REPORT THAT SAID THAT C.S.A.C. WAS PRECLUDED FROM  
19 PARTICIPATING IN THE CALFRESH CONTRACT AND THAT THERE WAS NOT  
20 SUPPORT, ENOUGH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. SO WE SUPPORT THE  
21 SUPERVISOR'S MOTION. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE A PARTNER. WE  
22 WANT TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER VERY MUCH NEEDED SERVICES TO OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. WE SERVE THE FIRST, THE FIFTH, PART  
24 OF THE SECOND AND THROUGH ALL OF THESE CONTRACTS, I THINK WE



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1 ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE A VOICE. THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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7 **PHILLIS NAVARETTE:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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11 **PHILLIS NAVARETTE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS PHILLIS NAVARETTE.  
12 I AM PART OF THE BOARD. MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM CAME IN THE  
13 EARLY '90S -- I'M SORRY, IN THE EARLY '70S WHEN I WAS WIDOWED  
14 WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN. I WENT INTO THE DOORS. I SAW THE AD.  
15 WENT INTO THE DOORS AND THEY TOOK ME RIGHT IN. IN FACT, THEY  
16 TOLD ME, YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO HIRE YOU FOR OUR LITTLE  
17 CENTER HERE. YOU HAVE INTERPERSONAL SKILLS. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
18 THAT MEANT AT THAT TIME. I HAD NO IDEA. BUT THEY HIRED ME.  
19 THEY SENT ME TO SCHOOL. I GREW WITH THE FIRM. I WAS ABLE TO  
20 PLACE WOMEN. BUT I AM NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT MYSELF AS MUCH AS  
21 THE WOMEN. I DID OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITH HUGHES AIRCRAFT AS A  
22 STACKER AND I RECRUITED ALL THE WOMEN FROM OUR NONTRADITIONAL  
23 TRAINING PROGRAM THAT CHICANA HAD STARTED FOR WOMEN IN  
24 INDUSTRIES THAT WANTED TO WORK WITH THEIR HANDS. SO WE  
25 RECRUITED MANY WOMEN FOR THE ASSEMBLY LINES THERE. ONE WAS A



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1 VERY SUCCESSFUL STORY. A WOMAN FROM WELFARE WITH HER THREE  
2 KIDS. SHE WENT THROUGH THE PROGRAM. WE HIRED HER AT HUGHES.  
3 AFTER THE SPACE, THE AEROSPACE COMPANY WENT DOWN IN THE '90S,  
4 I BELIEVE, SHE WAS HIRED BY THE COUNTY AS A STREET WORKER WITH  
5 THE TRUCKS AND WHAT NOT WORKING OUT. AND SHE IS PRESENTLY  
6 BOUGHT HER HOME WITH HER CHILDREN AND ALSO HAS HER  
7 GRANDCHILDREN BECAUSE HER DAUGHTER DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. SO  
8 THAT'S ONE SUCCESS. I DON'T WANT TO TALK AS MUCH ABOUT MYSELF.  
9 BUT I DID GO ON AND WORK FOR SEVERAL FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES  
10 DURING MY CAREER STEMMING FROM CHICANA SERVICE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

13

14 **PHILLIS NAVARETTE:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

17

18 **MARY MARGARET FRANCO:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
19 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS MARY MARGARET FRANCO. I AM A  
20 RETIRED L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HAVING  
21 SERVED 40 YEARS WITH THE ADULT DIVISION. 25 OF THOSE YEARS I  
22 WAS AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES SKILLS CENTER WHEREBY WE PARTNERED  
23 WITH CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER ON SEVERAL CONTRACTS AND  
24 SEVERAL PROGRAMS. I COME HERE TO OFFER THE SUPPORT BECAUSE IT  
25 WAS THROUGH THESE PARTNERSHIPS WITH CHICANA THAT EAST L.A.



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1 SKILLS CENTER WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE TO SO MANY STUDENTS A LOT OF  
2 OPPORTUNITIES TO MOVE ON, TO BECOME ECONOMICALLY SELF-  
3 SUFFICIENT. WHEN WE HAD THE GROW PROGRAM, THOSE CLIENTS WERE  
4 GIVEN SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE  
5 THE DIGNITY AND THE RESPECT AS THEY MOVED FORWARD. WITH OUR  
6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLIENTS, WE OFFERED PROGRAMS THAT GAVE THEM  
7 HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A FUTURE. AND THEY WERE THEREFORE  
8 ABLE TO MOVE ON AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES. FOR  
9 OUR YOUTH, WE OFFERED PROGRAMS THAT GAVE THEM OPTIONS TO  
10 PURSUE SUCCESS, BOTH IN EDUCATION AND IN EMPLOYMENT GOALS.  
11 AFTER RETIREMENT, I WAS CALLED TO BASSETT ADULT SCHOOL TO ASK  
12 IF I COULD HELP THEM WITH ALTERNATIVE STREAMS OF FUNDING AND  
13 TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES TO SERVE THEIR STUDENTS. WHO DO I CALL  
14 BUT CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER? I CALLED MISS ESPARZA AND  
15 SAID THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS HELP. HER STAFF CAME OVER. AND I AM  
16 HAPPY TO SAY THAT BASSETT IS NOW -- BASSETT ADULT SCHOOL IS  
17 NOW SERVED WITH RESOURCES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, JOB TRAINING,  
18 JOB OPPORTUNITIES. THIS IS HOW I KNOW CHICANA SERVICE ACTION  
19 CENTER. WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN PARTNERING, I THANK CHICANA FOR  
20 THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY HAVE GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND I  
21 ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO HELP US CONTINUE WITH THAT  
22 PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU, SIR.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20-PLUS PERSONS



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1 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I WILL CALL THEM IN ORDER REQUESTED.  
2 DAVE CUNNINGHAM, VICKY CASTRO, SANDRA FIGUEROA, CORINNE  
3 SANCHEZ, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, THE PERSONS THAT I CALLED,  
4 THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MAGDALENA DURAN, TERENCE PAYNE,  
5 WILLIAM ROJAS, JIM CAHILL. AND IF THE NAMES THAT I JUST CALLED  
6 WOULD BE IN THE QUEUE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. LADIES AND  
7 GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS TO BE HEARD. PLEASE TAKE THE  
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO.

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10 **DAVID CUNNINGHAM:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID CUNNINGHAM. I'M A  
12 RETIRED MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. AND FOR MANY  
13 YEARS I SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE GRANTS HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
14 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT CHICANA SERVICE  
15 CENTER BECAUSE I'VE KNOWN THEM FOR MANY A YEAR. YOU KNOW,  
16 HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GRANTS IN THE CITY AT THAT TIME,  
17 WE HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH THEM, REVIEW THEM AND  
18 TO MONITOR THEM. AND I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT OVER THE  
19 YEARS, I'VE NOTICED THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD AND GREAT SERVICE  
20 FOR COMMUNITIES THAT THEY SERVE. PRESENTLY, I ALSO, FROM TIME  
21 TO TIME, IN RESPONSE TO SOPHIA ESPARZA AND THE CENTER, I  
22 RESPOND AND GIVE ADVICE AS THEY REQUEST. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE  
23 THIS MOMENT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR BEING SENSITIVE  
24 TO THE NEEDS OF AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THIS. EVERY ORGANIZATION  
25 FROM TIME TO TIME THAT SERVES OUR COMMUNITIES OFTEN FINDS





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1 THEMSELVES WITH ISSUES SIMILAR TO THE ONES IN WHICH CHICANA  
2 SERVICE CENTER HAS FOUND THEMSELVES. WE HAVE WAYS IN WHICH --  
3 GOVERNMENT HAS WAYS IN WHICH TO CORRECT THOSE ISSUES. AND  
4 SEEING AS HOW CHICANA SERVICE CENTER HAS TAKEN ACTION ON ITS  
5 OWN TO TRY TO CORRECT THEM, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU FORWARD THEM  
6 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR THEIR RE-  
7 FUNDING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
10 SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **VICTORIA CASTRO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICTORIA CASTRO, A  
13 LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I  
14 CURRENTLY LIVE IN ALHAMBRA. I ALSO, IN MY CAREER, SERVED AS A  
15 TEACHER, A PRINCIPAL, AN ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WITH THE  
16 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO  
17 ADDRESS YOU ON A VERY CRITICAL ISSUE AND A VERY CRITICAL NEED.  
18 AS THE SPEAKERS BEFORE ME HAVE INDICATED, THIS IS A PILLARED  
19 ORGANIZATION WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND PROUDLY CARRIES THE NAME  
20 CHICANA, WHICH I ALSO HAVE VERY PROUDLY CARRIED AS A CHICANA  
21 ACTIVIST ALL MY LIFE. AS MENTIONED, EVERY ORGANIZATION HAS A  
22 BUMP OCCASIONALLY. AND LOS ANGELES UNIFIED CERTAINLY HAS HAD  
23 ITS EXPERIENCE WITH AUDITS AND CONCERNS WITH FINANCIAL  
24 MATTERS. BUT SELDOM DO YOU EVER ENCOUNTER AN ORGANIZATION THAT  
25 COMES UP WITH ITS OWN CORRECTION ACTION PLAN. AND THAT IS WHAT



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1 CHICANA HAS DONE. THEY'VE NOT ONLY IMPLEMENTED IT, THEY'VE  
2 TAKEN CARE OF IT. AND THEY HAVE MET THEIR FINANCIAL  
3 OBLIGATIONS AS TO THE LEGAL NEEDS THAT WERE PUT BEFORE THEM. I  
4 ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT IT WAS IN 2010 THAT THEY  
5 WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE BY THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF  
6 PERFORMANCE AND WERE GIVEN AN EXCELLENT AWARD. WE'RE NOT  
7 TALKING ANCIENT HISTORY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION  
8 THAT HAS PROVED ITSELF OVER AND OVER. THEY MEET AN EXTREME  
9 NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE HONOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
10 MOTION. WE EXPECT YOU TO. WE AWAIT YOUR VOTE. AND WE LOOK  
11 FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
14 MISS CASTRO. MISS FIGUEROA.

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16 **SANDRA FIGUEROA VILLA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SANDRA  
17 FIGUEROA VILLA. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EL CENTRO DEL  
18 PUEBLO AND ALSO SERVED WITH COMMISSIONER RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THE  
19 FIRST FIVE COMMISSION. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR  
20 MOLINA'S MOTION. I'M PRIMARILY HERE TO TALK ABOUT MY -- I WANT  
21 TO FOCUS ON HOW EL CENTRO DEL PUEBLO HAS BENEFITED FROM  
22 CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER'S SERVICES BACK IN THE '70S. AND  
23 AS MISS PHILLIS NAVARETTE SPOKE, MY FISCAL OFFICER, WHO WAS  
24 ALSO EL PROYECTO DEL BARIO'S FISCAL OFFICER, WHO IS NOW  
25 RETIRED, STARTED AT CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER WHEN HE



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1 ARRIVED FROM CUBA. AND HE WAS SUPERVISED BY LINDA TERASAS,  
2 WHOSE MOTHER WAS AN ACTIVIST IN THE FARM WORKERS' MOVEMENT,  
3 AND HER MOM WORKED THERE ALSO. THAT'S WHERE SHE STARTED HER  
4 CAREER. AND I WON'T MENTION THE COUNCILMAN THAT BECAME A  
5 SENATOR THEN AN ASSEMBLYMAN AND NOW HE'S A COUNCILMEMBER  
6 AGAIN. HE WAS SUPERVISED BY THIS WHOLE GROUP. SO THERE'S A  
7 REAL PLACE IN HISTORY FOR MANY LEADERS IN THIS COMMUNITY. IN  
8 TERMS OF EL CENTRO MORE RECENT, WE WERE A PARTNER, A TRUE  
9 PARTNER IN A COLLABORATIVE IN THE WESTLAKE ECHO PARK PICO-  
10 UNION NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH CENTRAL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS  
11 WHERE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER HELPED US PLACE MANY HARD-  
12 TO-REACH YOUTH, MANY WHO WERE GANG MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW FORMER  
13 AND CHANGED THEIR LIVES SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES AND MANY OF  
14 THEM DID GO TO COLLEGE. SO AS MANY -- AS YOU'VE HEARD, CHICANA  
15 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PROGRAMS TO SERVICE OUR COMMUNITY. LIKE I  
16 SAID BEFORE, EL CENTRO BECAME A CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY  
17 SERVICES ORGANIZATION, WE WERE A LITTLE SMALL OFFICE. AND IT  
18 WAS CHICANA WHO WE WOULD REFER OUR CLIENTS TO. I WAS REALLY  
19 SURPRISED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY DID TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
20 CLEANING, I JUST HAVE THE TO SAY THIS REALLY QUICKLY, WHEN WE  
21 GET AUDITED BY THE COUNTY AND WE DO DUE DILIGENCE AND WE CLEAN  
22 UP OUR ACT, IF YOU LOOK AT OUR AUDITS, THEY'RE CLEAN THANKS TO  
23 MR. GRITO, CHICANA'S TRAINING, WE'RE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY.  
24 THEY DON'T DE-FUND US IN ALL OUR GRANTS. SO PLEASE SUPPORT  
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
3 MA 'AM?

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5 **CORINNE SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CORINNE SANCHEZ. I  
6 AM CURRENTLY THE C.E.O. PRESIDENT OF EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO IN  
7 THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I ALSO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR ON THE  
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP, WHICH REPRESENTS  
9 THE CITY WORK SOURCE CENTERS, AND I WAS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF  
10 CHICANA CENTER IN 1974 TO 1978. SO IT HOLDS A VERY IMPORTANT  
11 ROLE FOR ME IN THE PAST AND CURRENTLY. CHICANA CENTER WHEN I  
12 WAS THERE, IT STARTED AS AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER UNDER THE  
13 LEADERSHIP OF FRANCISCA FLORES, WHICH REALLY WAS INTENDED TO  
14 SERVE LATINAS, BY LATINAS AND FOR LATINAS. IT'S NOW NEARING A  
15 50-YEAR HISTORY. IT'S AN ESTABLISHMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. ITS  
16 PRESENT IMPACT IS THAT CHICANA, ALONG WITH EL PROYECTO AND  
17 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF NOT ONLY LATINAS  
18 BUT AFRICAN-AMERICANS, ASIANS AND UNDER UNDERSERVED  
19 POPULATIONS IN GETTING NOT ONLY IN THE WORKFORCE, BUT  
20 ADVANCING. WE'VE DONE IT AT A NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL.  
21 EL PROYECTO, WITH CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTERS, ARE LEADERS  
22 IN ALL AREAS OF EXPANDING SOCIAL SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITIES  
23 FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE. FUTURE IMPACT IS TO CONTINUE THE  
24 IMPACT POSITIVELY IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOT JUST IN THIS COUNTY  
25 GRANTS. TRUTHFULLY WE GO TO THE STATE. WE ADVOCATE. WE GO TO



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1 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE ADVOCATE. IT BENEFITS ALL THE  
2 DISTRICTS AND SUPERVISORS THAT ARE PRESENT HERE NOW. AND IT'S  
3 REALLY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH. OUR LATINO COMMUNITY,  
4 THROUGH CHICANA CENTER, HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
6 A VOTE "YES" TO SUPPORT CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER. NOT  
7 ONLY IS IT A TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATION IN PARTNER WITH THE  
8 COUNTY, BUT AS I SAID, MOVING FORWARD, ENHANCING EMPOWERMENT  
9 OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN BRINGING IN RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY  
10 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU, SIR.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THAT CONCLUDES  
13 THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT. I DID CALL FOR  
14 MAGDALENA DURAN, TERENCE PAYNE, WILLIAM ROJAS, JIM CAHILL.  
15 THOSE SPEAKERS WOULD COME FORWARD? THEY WILL BE FORWARD BY  
16 OSCAR MEIER, NINA SORKIN, CECELIA WALKER AND DENNIS SMITH. SO  
17 IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD BE READY, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
18 MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

19

20 **MAGDALENA DURAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE  
21 BOARD FOR LISTENING TO ALL OF US WHO ARE HERE TODAY ON A VERY  
22 SIGNIFICANT MOTION THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. WE DO ASK FOR  
23 CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL OF ITEM 14 AND 22. AND WE OPPOSE 23  
24 AS IT DOES EXCLUDE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER. I THINK  
25 EVERYONE BEFORE ME --



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE GIVE US YOUR NAME.

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4 **MAGDALENA DURAN:** OH, I'M SORRY. MAGDALENA -- I THOUGHT YOU ALL  
5 KNEW -- NO, MAGDALENA DURAN. AND I AM WITH EL PROYECTO WORK  
6 SOURCE CENTER, ONE OF THE WONDERFUL WORK SOURCE CENTERS OUT IN  
7 THE VALLEY AND A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE  
8 PARTNERSHIP. CHICANA REPRESENTS WHAT WE CALL SERVANT  
9 LEADERSHIP. THAT IS, FROM THE RECEPTIONIST TO THE EXECUTIVE  
10 DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEY ARE THERE TO SERVE  
11 THE COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE DONE SO FROM DAY ONE. THEY CONTINUE  
12 TO DO IT ON A DAILY BASIS. THERE WILL BE BUMPS. WE ALL HAVE  
13 BUMPS. EVERY INSTITUTION HAS BUMPS. BUT THOSE ARE NOT THINGS  
14 THAT SHOULD EXCLUDE THEM FROM THE BROADER SUPPORT THAT THEY  
15 GIVE TO OUR GREAT COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. THEIR  
16 SERVICE HAS BEEN TO ONE, TWO OF THE POPULATIONS WITH THE  
17 HIGHEST NEEDS: THE HOMELESS. WHERE THEY SIT, THEY MAY SEE  
18 HOMELESS DAY IN, DAY OUT TOTALING 20,000 IN ONE YEAR. A.F.D.C.  
19 RECIPIENTS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEIR SHELTERS ARE OF THE BEST.  
20 THEY PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE WOMEN WHO NEED THEM THE MOST.  
21 NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS. SO THEIR STAFF ARE BILINGUAL, THEY'RE  
22 ABLE TO COMMUNICATE CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY. DEFINITELY  
23 SUPPORTING THE UNDER SKILLED AND THE UNDER EDUCATED. ALWAYS  
24 DOING MORE THAN IS REQUIRED. SO WE DO ASK THAT YOU TAKE THIS  
25 MOTION THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AND GIVE IT YOUR UTMOST





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1 CONSIDERATION. AND YOU WOULD NOT GO WRONG BY SUPPORTING A  
2 FANTASTIC COMMUNITY-BASED INSTITUTION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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7 **TERENCE PAYNE:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, HELLO, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TERENCE PAYNE. I'M THE  
9 PRESIDENT OF TAYLORS' MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT. AND I STAND  
10 HERE AND I'M IN APPEARANCE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
11 MOTION TO EXTEND THE FUNDING FOR THE GROW PROGRAM. IN ADDITION  
12 TO THAT, I REPRESENT A PARTNERSHIP, A VERY CREATIVE  
13 PARTNERSHIP THAT'S ESTABLISHED WITH THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION  
14 CENTER. PRIMARILY WE PROVIDE BUSINESS TRAINING. AND THIS IS AN  
15 INITIATIVE, I SHOULD SAY, THAT WAS SOMEWHAT THOUGHT OF BY  
16 SOPHIA AS FAR AS AND THAT IS TO FURTHER THE ACTIVITIES OF AND  
17 CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES TO SMALL WOMEN AND MINORITY OWNED  
18 BUSINESSES. WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT? PRIMARILY BECAUSE THEY'RE  
19 JOBS. THEY'RE JOBS THAT CAN BE HAD BY THE ISSUING OF CONTRACTS  
20 TO SMALL WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. WITH THAT SAID,  
21 I, TOO, I COME FROM A BACKGROUND OF A LONG LINEAGE OF FAMILY-  
22 OWNED BUSINESS. IN FACT, A BUSINESS THAT WAS OPERATED IN THE  
23 CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND WAS UNFORTUNATELY  
24 BURNED DOWN IN 1992. I SPEAK PERSONALLY ABOUT THE EXCLUSION OR  
25 EITHER THE DISSOLVING OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE LONG-STANDING



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1 HISTORY IN THE COMMUNITY. CHICANA IS A PLACE OF SOLACE AND  
2 ALSO A PLACE OF REST FOR THE RESIDENTS AND A PLACE WHERE THEY  
3 CAN ALSO RECEIVE SUPPORT AND BUSINESS SERVICES. OUR BUSINESS  
4 SERVICES, AGAIN, ARE PRIMARILY FOR THE -- DIRECTED TOWARDS THE  
5 SMALL WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS COMMUNITY. AND WE WORK  
6 VERY SEAMLESSLY WITH THE GENTLEMAN THAT'S SITTING NEXT TO ME,  
7 MR. JIM CAHILL, WHO WILL COME BEHIND ME AND DISCUSS THE GREEN  
8 TECHNOLOGIES.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. CAHILL?

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12 **JIM CAHILL:** YEAH, HI, MY NAME IS JIM CAHILL. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
13 ECHO PARK AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR SOLAR CITY IN  
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'LL BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND  
15 MR. ROJAS, OUR H.R. MANAGER TODAY. WE COME HERE IN SUPPORT OF  
16 MISS ESPARZA FOR BOTH ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION, AS  
17 WELL AS ITEM 22 FOR THE WIA FUNDING. YOU KNOW, WHEN I CAME TO  
18 SOLAR CITY IN LOS ANGELES, WHEN I JOINED THEM IN LOS ANGELES,  
19 WE HAD 25 WORKERS IN THE ENTIRE AREA, AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE  
20 ALMOST UP TO 500 WORKERS IN THIS AREA. SO WE NEEDED A PARTNER  
21 RIGHT AWAY THAT COULD HELP US SOURCE WORKERS AND HIRE PEOPLE  
22 TO INSTALL SOLAR IN THE REGION. AND C.S.A.C. HAS BEEN THAT  
23 PARTNER FOR US. I THINK SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN, WE'VE BROUGHT  
24 MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROGRAM, AND ARE CURRENTLY  
25 EMPLOYED BY US IN OUR OFFICES IN LOS ANGELES. AND BASICALLY



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1    THEY'VE BEEN A GREAT PARTNER AND THEY'VE HELPED US PLAN AHEAD.  
2    WE'VE ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH SOME OF THEIR PARTNERS, LIKE  
3    TERENCE, WHO'S HELPING ME SOURCE SUBCONTRACTORS FOR SOME OF  
4    THE WORK THAT WE DO THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOLAR PANELS.  
5    SO I COME HERE JUST TO SUPPORT C.S.A.C. AND TELL YOU THAT  
6    THEY'VE BEEN A GREAT PARTNER. THEY'VE ALWAYS DONE RIGHT BY US.  
7    THEY'VE WALKED US THROUGH THE PAPERWORK AND KEPT US ON THE UP  
8    AND UP IN TERMS OF EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE HAD TO DO WITH THE  
9    AGENCY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BE  
10   INVOLVED WITH THEM IN BOTH THE GREEN ENERGY SECTOR INITIATIVE  
11   THAT WE'VE GOT GOING WITH THEM TO TRAIN PEOPLE FOR ENERGY  
12   AUDITORS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNICIANS AS WELL AS THE WIA  
13   PROGRAM, WHICH WE'RE A BIG SUPPORTER OF FOR ON-THE-JOB  
14   TRAINING. THANK YOU.

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16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK THE THREE OF YOU FOR  
17   YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL HEAR NOW FROM OSCAR MEIER, NINA SORKIN.  
18   CECELIA WALKER. AND DENNIS SMITH. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD  
19   QUICKLY, WE'D BE APPRECIATIVE. FOLLOWING THOSE SPEAKERS, WE'LL  
20   HEAR FROM HELEN TORRES, ELVIA TORRES. DEBORAH VILLAR. AND  
21   YVONNE CHAVEZ. SIR, YOU MAY PROCEED.

22

23   **OSCAR MEIER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. OSCAR MEIER WITH L.A.  
24   UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY FOR  
25   YOUR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS THAT ARE STATE APPROVED. WE SERVE



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1 CURRENTLY ABOUT 7,000 APPRENTICES. YOU KNOW THEM AS THE  
2 PLUMBERS UNION, THE SHEET METAL UNION, THE PAINTERS UNION.  
3 DURING THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE, CHICANA'S PARTNERED WITH US  
4 TO TRAIN 1500 INDIVIDUALS OVER AN 18-MONTH PERIOD. DURING THE  
5 STAPLES CENTER CONSTRUCTION, WE BROUGHT IN 100 APPRENTICES WHO  
6 WERE ABLE TO WORK. THEY WERE ALL LOCAL HIRES WITHIN 3 TO 5  
7 MILES. AND THEN WE SET UP THE CONVENTION CENTER WHERE 10,000  
8 PEOPLE WERE INTERVIEWED AND 1500 JOBS WERE GIVEN FOR THE ARENA  
9 JOBS AND THE SUPPORT PERSONNEL THERE. WE HAD SET UP AN OFFICE  
10 THERE ON GEORGIA STREET. ALSO THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, CHICANA  
11 HAS COME THROUGH WITH ADVICE ON CONTRACTING, ADVICE ON GRANTS,  
12 AND WE NEED THIS RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IT WOULD BE A  
13 GREAT LOSS TO THIS COMMUNITY, TO L.A. UNIFIED. I ALSO KNOW  
14 THAT SOME OF THE APPRENTICES IN OUR BARBERING PROGRAM WHICH  
15 ARE ALSO UNION AFFILIATED COME THROUGH THE GROW PROGRAM. SO  
16 WE'VE RECEIVED MORE BENEFITS THAN L.A. UNIFIED AND THE TRADES  
17 WANT TO KEEP THIS ASSOCIATION CHICANA FUNCTIONING IN THE NEAR  
18 FUTURE AND THE LONG TERM.

19  
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM?

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22 **ADELINA SORKIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ADELINA SORKIN. AND  
23 I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION. DURING THE  
24 PAST 15 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT FOR  
25 NONPROFIT AGENCIES, INCLUDING CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER.



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1 CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1970S FOR THE  
2 EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ADVOCATING AND SERVING WOMEN. C.S.A.C. WAS  
3 CREATED TO SERVE WORKING LOW INCOME WOMEN, SPONSOR COMMUNITY  
4 SERVICE PROGRAMS, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP AND PROVIDE JOB TRAINING  
5 AMONG LATINAS. MY SIX YEARS DIRECT EXPERIENCE AS A LICENSED  
6 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER WITH C.S.A.C. CONFIRMS THAT THE AGENCY  
7 CONTINUES TO EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THESE WOMEN AND  
8 THEIR CHILDREN. KEEPING PACE WITH CHANGING TIMES AND  
9 RECOGNIZING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, C.S.A.C. HAS PROVIDED COMPUTER  
10 TRAINING TO EDUCATE AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS FOR TOMORROW'S  
11 TECHNOLOGY IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS OF  
12 WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES. ALL SERVICES C.S.A.C. PROVIDES ARE  
13 NOT ONLY FOR LATINAS BUT ALSO WOMEN OF ALL ETHNIC AND RACIAL  
14 GROUPS. C.S.A.C. WORKS CLOSELY WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.  
15 IN ADDITION, THEY PROVIDE PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES. THE  
16 BILINGUAL BICULTURAL CAPACITIES AND INTEGRITY OF THIS LONG-  
17 TERM INSTITUTION CANNOT BE LOST. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF  
18 THIS BOARD, DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, WERE TO VOTE TO  
19 ELIMINATE HOUSING THAT IS CRUCIAL FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN AND  
20 CHILDREN. AN AVAILABLE BED FOR WOMEN CAN MEAN A DIFFERENCE  
21 BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. INDEED, I HAVE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY  
22 THE SUCCESS OF SERVICES TO THESE NEEDY AND VULNERABLE  
23 POPULATIONS. I URGE THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
24 MOTION AND SAVE CHICANA'S FUNDING.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. SIR?

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3    **DENNIS SMITH:** MY NAME IS DENNIS SMITH. AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
4    VICE PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TRAVERS REALTY. I'M  
5    ALSO HERE IN SUPPORT OF MS. MOLINA'S MOTION AND IN SUPPORT OF  
6    CHICANA. MY COMPANY, AND I PERSONALLY SPECIALIZE IN  
7    REPRESENTING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND FINDING THEM  
8    FACILITIES, AND I'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR CHICANA FOR 10 OR SO  
9    YEARS. WE'VE HELPED THEM NEGOTIATE LOCATIONS FOR THEIR  
10    HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN, THEIR LOCATION IN EAST L.A., THEIR  
11    LOCATION IN SOUTH L.A. AND LOCATION IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AND  
12    I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK TO SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT RELATE  
13    TO FACILITIES. A LOT OF LANDLORDS ARE NOT REALLY IN SUPPORT OF  
14    PROVIDING KIND OF HIGH TRAFFIC, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN  
15    THEIR BUILDINGS. THERE ARE A LOT OF CODE COMPLIANCE AND E.D.D.  
16    COMPLIANCE AND OTHER COMPLIANCE ISSUES THAT RELATE TO  
17    PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES IN BUILDINGS. AND MY EXPERIENCE IN  
18    WORKING WITH CHICANA HAS BEEN THAT THERE'S THE HIGHEST LEVEL  
19    OF INTEGRITY IN FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE ROAD, AND MANY OF  
20    WHICH RELATE TO THE WORLD OF REAL ESTATE. AND SO ESSENTIALLY  
21    I'VE SEEN A PATTERN IN THE LEADERSHIP AND IN THE ORGANIZATION  
22    TO DOING THE RIGHT THING AT ALL TIMES POSSIBLE. AND, AGAIN, I  
23    WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
2    ALL THREE OF YOU. AND WE ASK NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS TO  
3    COME FORWARD AS I HAVE CALLED YOUR NAMES. THEY ARE HELEN  
4    TORRES, ELVIA TORRES, DEBRA VILLAR, YVONNE CHAVEZ. IN THAT  
5    ORDER, PLEASE. THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JASON DURAN, MICHELLE  
6    PI EDO, ARMANDO MU IZ AND CARLOS PALOMINO. MA'AM, YOU MAY  
7    BEGIN.

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9    **HELEN TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. HELLO, MY NAME IS HELEN TORRES.  
10   I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISPANAS ORGANIZED FOR POLITICAL  
11   EQUALITY, HOPE. I'M HERE TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF  
12   SUPERVISORS PASS SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
13   CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER. IN PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
14   THEM TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES FOR LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS,  
15   MUCH NEEDED WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. LATINAS,  
16   UNFORTUNATELY HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE  
17   GREAT RECESSION. WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT HERE IN THE COUNTY HOVERS  
18   AT ABOUT 9 PERCENT, FOR LATINAS, IT REACHED CLOSE TO 14  
19   PERCENT. AND 60 PERCENT OF OUR WEALTH HAS BEEN WIPED OUT  
20   BECAUSE OF THE GREAT RECESSION. THEREFORE, THE SERVICES THAT  
21   CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER PROVIDES LATINAS ARE A DREAM  
22   COME TRUE. THEY OFTEN ANSWER OUR PRAYERS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY  
23   THEY ARE A SYMBOL OF THE GREAT CHICANA MOVEMENT THAT WE ALL  
24   COME FROM. THEY ALSO PROVIDE OUR YOUNG WOMEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
25   STRIVE FOR MORE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I SPECIFICALLY ASK YOU TO



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1 PLEASE PRESERVE OUR HISTORY OF LATINA ACTIVISM AND ESPECIALLY  
2 RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT WOMEN PLAY IN THE SOCIAL  
3 SERVICE MOVEMENT, ESPECIALLY DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.  
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **YVONNE CHAVEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME STREET YVONNE CHAVEZ. AND I'M  
9 PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR  
10 CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER AND IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR  
11 MOLINA'S MOTION. I FIRST CAME TO CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER  
12 OVER 20 YEARS AGO. BACK THEN I WAS A SINGLE TEENAGE MOTHER OF  
13 TWO SEEKING EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES. C.S.A.C. IMMEDIATELY  
14 PROVIDED THE SUPPORT I NEEDED: JOB TRAINING, CRISIS SERVICES,  
15 BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY GAVE ME HOPE. IT IS BECAUSE OF  
16 NEIGHBORHOOD JEWELS LIKE C.S.A.C. THAT I WAS ABLE TO ATTAIN  
17 SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND A COLLEGE EDUCATION. I NOW WORK IN THE  
18 NONPROFIT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR SUPPORTING THE WORK  
19 OF C.B.L.S LIKE C.S.A.C. IT SADDENS ME TO KNOW THAT A 40-YEAR-  
20 OLD ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY'S  
21 FIBER, HISTORY AND RESOURCE NETWORK IS AT RISK OF BEING DE-  
22 FUNDED. IT'S ALSO HAD GREAT JOB PLACEMENT SUCCESS AND ECONOMIC  
23 IMPACT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 2012 ALONE THE EAST L.A. C.S.A.C.  
24 LOCATION HELPED PLACE 536 GROW PARTICIPANTS IN JOBS. THIS  
25 TRANSLATES INTO 9.3 MILLION IN WAGES AND 1.3 MILLION IN COUNTY



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1 SAVINGS. AND I'M ONLY SPEAKING OF ONE LOCATION. THIS IS A  
2 PRIME EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN WE INVEST IN  
3 THE CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF VALUABLE RESOURCES THAT  
4 DELIVER RESULTS. AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL AND A  
5 TAXPAYER, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
6 TRANSPARENCY. HOWEVER, WE ASK THAT OUR SUPERVISORS' ACTIONS BE  
7 JUST AND FAIR. D.P.S.S. HAS RECOMMENDED THAT NONE OF  
8 C.S.A.C.'S CONTRACTS BE RENEWED. NOT FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
9 VICTIMS, NOT FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, NOT FOR JOB TRAINING OR  
10 PLACEMENT. IT IS UNFAIR TO DISQUALIFY AN ORGANIZATION OF ALL  
11 CONTRACTUAL FUNDING BASED ON FINDINGS OF ONE CONTRACT. AND IT  
12 SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR OUR COUNTY. FURTHERMORE, PLEASE  
13 CONSIDER THE FACT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL REVIEW BY THE COUNTY  
14 AUDITOR FOUND THAT 3 OUT OF 4 D.P.S.S. REASONS FOR  
15 DISQUALIFYING C.S.A.C. LACKED DOCUMENTATION.

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

18  
19 **YVONNE CHAVEZ:** CAN I JUST FINISH UP HERE? FINALLY, AT A TIME  
20 WHEN THE AREA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS OVER 10 PERCENT AND THE  
21 AREA'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES ARE SCARCE, IT ONLY  
22 MAKES SENSE TO WORK WITH A LONG-STANDING, RESULTS-DRIVEN AND  
23 EXAMPLES COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE THAT C.S.A.C. IS. THANK YOU.



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. CARLOS  
2    PALOMINO AND ELVIA VALDES. ARMANDO MUNIZ. MICHELLE PI EDO.  
3    JASON DURAN. THOSE PERSONS WILL BE OUR FINAL SPEAKERS AND THEN  
4    WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ITEM.

5

6    **MICHELLE PI EDO:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MICHELLE PI EDO,  
7    COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR  
8    MOLINA'S MOTION AND ALSO TO READ A LETTER ON BEHALF OF LILY  
9    ACEVES, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF CHICANA CENTER AND ONE OF THE  
10    FIRST DIRECTORS. HER LETTER READS "I YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION  
11    SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS PROPOSED TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE GROW  
12    CONTRACT THAT THE CHICANA CENTER HAS BEEN ADMINISTERING FOR  
13    THE FOLLOWING REASONS: "I WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE  
14    CHICANA CENTER AND THE FIRST DIRECTOR WHEN WE OPENED ITS DOORS  
15    IN 1972. MOST OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE CHICANA CENTER INCLUDING  
16    MYSELF HAVE LIVED IN WORKING POOR NEIGHBORHOODS MOST OF OUR  
17    LIVES AND EXPERIENCED THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF LIMITED  
18    RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES. WHEN WE OPENED THE CHICANA  
19    CENTER, WE HAD HIGH HOPES THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP OUR  
20    COMMUNITY. THE NEED WAS OVERWHELMING AND VERY NEEDED SERVICES  
21    WERE EXTREMELY LIMITED OR NOT AVAILABLE. AND UNFORTUNATELY THE  
22    NEED CONTINUES TODAY IN GREATER PROPORTIONS. ALL THESE YEARS,  
23    THROUGH VERY HARD WORK, THE CHICANA CENTER HAS BEEN ABLE TO  
24    PROVIDE SERVICES TO HELP FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN WORKING POOR  
25    NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE LIFE BECOMES MORE CHALLENGING ON A DAILY



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1 BASIS. AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, WHEN THE ECONOMY AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
2 IS IN CRITICAL CRISIS, FAMILIES ARE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF  
3 DISTRESS THAT ALL TOO OFTEN DEMONSTRATE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR. DUE  
4 TO THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SERVICES THAT THE CHICANA SERVICE  
5 PROVIDES ARE VERY NEEDED AND IN VERY MUCH DEMAND." AND I'D  
6 LIKE TO END BY STATING CHICANA IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE  
7 C.S.S. AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD TAKE THAT INTO  
8 CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
11 MA'AM?

12

13 **ELVIA VALDES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELVIA VALDES AND I'M  
14 HERE AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE  
17 MICROPHONE, PLEASE, MISS VALDES.

18

19 **ELVIA VALDES:** I'M HERE AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER AND DOMESTIC  
20 VIOLENCE ADVOCATE. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. CHICANA IS  
21 THE ONLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24-HOUR HOTLINE SHELTER IN EAST LOS  
22 ANGELES. AND AS YOU KNOW, MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE WHO BATTER  
23 THEIR PARTNERS ALSO ABUSE THEIR CHILDREN. IF CHICANA IS DE-  
24 FUNDED, HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WILL NOT RECEIVE SERVICES THAT  
25 ARE CRUCIAL WHEN THERE IS ABUSE AT HOME. IN 2007-2008 IT IS



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1 ESTIMATED THAT 30 BEDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE LOST AS A  
2 RESULT OF BUDGET CUTS. IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDES TO  
3 DE-FUND CHICANA, 35 BEDS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR  
4 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN. ALL OF THIS  
5 WILL RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT CAPACITY TO MEET A GROWING NEED.  
6 VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO AFFECT FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
7 FOR EXAMPLE, A ONE-MONTH PERIOD, IN A ONE-MONTH PERIOD, OVER  
8 9,000 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS WERE MADE TO THE SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORTS THAT  
10 APPROXIMATELY 30 WOMEN DEATHS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE AS A  
11 RESULT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE IMPORE THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC  
13 VIOLENCE TO RECEIVE THE VITAL SERVICES THEY NEED SO THAT THEY  
14 CAN SAVE THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN. AS A  
15 MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY AND SHELTER MANAGER OF JEWISH FAMILY  
16 SERVICES, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT CHICANA HAS HAD A GOOD AND  
17 EXCELLENT STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE D.B. SHELTER  
18 NETWORK FOR OVER 40 YEARS. PLEASE TAKE THAT INTO  
19 CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
22 SPEAKERS, PLEASE. AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT THOSE WHO HAVE  
23 SPOKEN RELINQUISH THEIR SEAT SO THAT THE REMAINING SPEAKERS  
24 MAY BE SEATED. THANK YOU.





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1   **ARMANDO MU IZ:** CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
2   ARMANDO MU IZ. I AM A FORMER OLYMPIAN, FORMER PRIZE FIGHTER  
3   AND FORMER EDUCATOR OF 24 YEARS. AS AN EDUCATOR, I SEE THE  
4   BENEFITS OF GOOD EDUCATION AND I ALSO SEE THE WRONGS OR THE  
5   CONSEQUENCES OF NOT STUDYING TOO MUCH. ONE OF THE MOST  
6   IMPORTANT THINGS THAT I'VE SEEN THAT CHICANA SERVICES DOES FOR  
7   THESE PEOPLE THAT DON'T ALWAYS ATTAIN, THEY WORK WITH THEM,  
8   THEY HELP THEM FIND JOBS, THEY WORK WITH THEM ON DRUGS, THEY  
9   ARE ALWAYS HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS. I WOULD THINK THAT YOU, AS  
10  MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WOULD WANT TO SAVE ON  
11  MONEY SPENT. THE POSITIVES THAT CHICANA HAS SO MUCH OUTWEIGH  
12  ANY NEGATIVE IT MIGHT HAVE. YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AT IT. WHEN YOU  
13  THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN YOU HAVE A KID THAT IS BEING HELPED, THAT  
14  CHICANA SERVICES HELPS, AND THE COST THAT IT TAKES YOU, IT IS  
15  MUCH, MUCH LESS THAN A YOUNG MAN OR YOUNG LADY THAT ENDS UP IN  
16  JAIL. THANK YOU.

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18  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
19  SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21  **CARLOS PALOMINO:** HELLO, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS CARLOS  
22  PALOMINO, I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF CHICANO ALSO. THAT'S BECAUSE  
23  I WENT TO HIGH COOL WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CHICANA. ALSO I  
24  KNOW THE KIND OF WORK THEY DO BECAUSE I HAVE FIRSTHAND  
25  EXPERIENCE IN IT. I DON'T WANT TO BUTCHER MY SUPERVISOR'S LAST



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1 NAME SO I'M GOING TO SAY I'M IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. I  
2 VOLUNTEER AT JEOPARDY PROGRAM IN VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA WHERE WE  
3 WORK. WE MENTOR YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE ONE FOOT IN THE GANG AND  
4 ONE FOOT OUT. WE TEACH THAT IT'S NOT OKAY TO HIT WOMEN. AND WE  
5 TEACH YOUNG WOMEN THAT IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE HIT. SO I'M HERE IN  
6 SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION. THIS IS VERY, VERY  
7 IMPORTANT WORK THAT CHICANA IS DOING. I'M ALSO A VETERAN. SO  
8 I'VE BEEN TO A COUPLE OF THE JOB FAIRS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN  
9 EFFECT AT THE CHICANA DOWNTOWN JOB SOURCE CENTER. I SEE THE  
10 WORK THEY'RE DOING, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, HOW THEY'RE PUTTING  
11 VETERANS BACK TO WORK AND HELPING VETERANS THAT HAVE ISSUES.  
12 SO THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL  
13 TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT? GO AHEAD.

16

17 **JUAN DURAN:** HELLO. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS JUAN  
18 DURAN, I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF THE -- EL SALVADOR  
19 IN CALIFORNIA. I REPRESENT 1800 MEMBERS. MY EXPERIENCE WITH  
20 CHICANA IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE MANY YEARS AGO WE MAKE A  
21 RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM. WE RECEIVED OUR SUPPORT WITH THEM IN  
22 DIFFERENT EVENTS WHERE OUR OFFICE IS THERE. FOR THAT REASON,  
23 WE THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT SUPPORT TO CHICANA RIGHT NOW. AND  
24 OUR MEMBERS RECEIVE A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT IT. SEMINARS.  
25 WE USE THE PLACES RIGHT THERE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR



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1 OUR COMMUNITY AND THE RELATION CONTINUE WITH THE CHICANA.

2 PLEASE HELP TO CHICANA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND

5 ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR

6 TESTIMONY, AS WELL. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS

7 ITEM. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I VERY PROUDLY BRING

10 THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU. I WOULD NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT

11 ON THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE CHICANA

12 SERVICE ACTION CENTER. WAY BACK IN 1971 AND '72 WHEN MANY OF

13 US WERE YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE WERE LOOKING FOR

14 A PLACE THAT WE COULD COME TOGETHER AND FIND THOSE WAYS TO

15 EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY. IT WAS THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION

16 CENTER, THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF PEOPLE LIKE FRANCISCA FLORES

17 AND MANY, MANY WOMEN LIKE LILY ACEVES WHO WERE THERE. AND MANY

18 OF US WHO YET HAD NOT FOUND OUR VOICE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

19 WORK, THROUGH CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER, TO ORGANIZE

20 OURSELVES TO EVENTUALLY DEVELOP COMMISSION FEMENIL MEXICANA

21 NACIONAL, WHICH HAS EMPOWERED AND PROVIDED LEADERSHIP TO SO

22 MANY WOMEN. IT WAS THAT GROUP OF WOMEN WHO CAME TOGETHER, AS

23 WELL, WAY BACK IN 1980 WHEN WE DECIDED THAT WE NEEDED TO

24 EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY NOT JUST IN EMPLOYMENT. WE KNEW THAT

25 THROUGH EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE MANY



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1 A FAMILY. AND CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER HAD BEEN PROVIDING  
2 MANY OF THOSE SERVICES FOR WELL OVER A DECADE. BUT WE DECIDED  
3 BACK THEN THAT AT THE SAME TIME WE NEED TO EMPOWER OUR  
4 COMMUNITY SO WE WOULD HAVE A VOICE AT THE POLITICAL TABLE.  
5 WITHOUT THAT VOICE, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR  
6 PROGRAMS WOULD NOT GET FUNDED. THERE WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNITY  
7 FOR MANY OF OUR LATINO AND CHICANO PROGRAMS TO SURVIVE  
8 PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND  
9 JUSTICE. AND IT WAS AT THAT TIME, THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF MANY  
10 OF THE LEADERS OF THE CHICANA MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT, OF WHICH  
11 MANY ARE HERE TODAY, CAME TOGETHER AND DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD  
12 CHALLENGE AT THAT TIME THE OLD BOYS' NETWORK ON THE EAST SIDE  
13 AND MAKE A DETERMINATION TO MAKE A RUN FOR OFFICE IN 1981. AND  
14 IN 1982, WHEN I RAN FOR THAT ASSEMBLY SEAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF  
15 THE WORK OF MANY OF THESE WOMEN, MANY OF THEM WHO SPOKE TODAY,  
16 THAT JOINED ME IN WALKING EVERY PART OF THAT COMMUNITY. WE  
17 WALKED THAT DISTRICT ONE AND ONE HALF TIMES, PRECINCT BY  
18 PRECINCT. AND THEY DID IT NOT ONLY IN MY NAME BECAUSE IT  
19 WASN'T ABOUT ME, IT WAS ABOUT ALL OF US. AND WE DID THAT IN  
20 THE SAME WAY THAT WE COME HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE CHICANA  
21 SERVICE ACTION CENTER. BECAUSE IT ISN'T ABOUT JUST ONE PERSON.  
22 IT IS ABOUT THE EMPOWERMENT OF AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY. FRANCISCA  
23 FLORES UNDERSTOOD THAT AND CLEARLY WHEN SHE WAS SO AMBITIOUS  
24 ENOUGH TO FLY TO WASHINGTON D.C., MEET WITH THEN COMMISSIONER  
25 OF LABOR AND TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS KIND OF AN



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1 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM, IT WAS SHE AND HER BOLD AND  
2 COURAGEOUS MOVE THAT WAS ABLE TO PUT THIS ORGANIZATION IN  
3 PLACE. WHAT HAS BEEN IMPRESSIVE TO ME AS I HAVE CONTINUED TO  
4 SERVE HERE IN THE COUNTY AND IN OTHER LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS  
5 THAT I HAVE HELD IS THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER HAS  
6 NEVER BEEN ONE WITH A HAND OUT. THEY HAVE A PROVEN TRACK  
7 RECORD YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR. THEIR PLACEMENTS ARE THE  
8 MOST DIFFICULT PEOPLE TO PLACE, THOSE THAT ARE UNEMPLOYED,  
9 THOSE ARE RECEIVING WELFARE, THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS. AND THEY  
10 HAVE CONSISTENTLY HAD AN OUTSTANDING RECORD. AND, YES, I AM  
11 AWARE OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS. I POINT THEM OUT ON A REGULAR  
12 BASIS OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MANY TIMES OWE US NOT JUST A  
13 COUPLE OF HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.  
14 AND WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND OTHER  
15 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM. I'M ASKING THAT CHICANA HERE HAVE THE  
16 SAME OPPORTUNITY AS ANY OTHER CONTRACTOR TODAY. THEY HAVE  
17 LOOKED AT THEMSELVES. THEY PUT TOGETHER THEIR CORRECTIVE  
18 ACTION. THEY'VE FOLLOWED THE DIRECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THEY CORRECTED ALL OF THEIR PROBLEM.  
20 AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY PAID BACK THE MONEY. AND AS I  
21 UNDERSTAND TODAY ARE STILL OWED MONEY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
22 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AND THEY'VE BEEN WAITING PATIENTLY.  
23 BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE TODAY IS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM  
24 THAT OPPORTUNITY TO EMPOWER OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. WHAT  
25 WE'RE ASKING UNDER THIS ITEM IS TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE GROW



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1 CONTRACT, TO CONTINUE THEIR SERVICE IN THE WIA CONTRACT.  
2 THEY'RE NOT ASKING FOR THE C.S.D.G. AT THIS POINT IN TIME.  
3 THESE CONTRACTS ARE CLEAN. THEY ARE IMMACULATE. THEY DESERVE  
4 TO STAND ON THEIR OWN. RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO REASON TO EXCLUDE  
5 THEM. SO I AM HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING MY  
6 MOTIONS TO INCLUDE THEM AND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE  
7 SERVICES. THIS INSTITUTION IS A DEDICATED INSTITUTION, NOT  
8 JUST TO ITSELF BUT TO THE EMPOWERMENT OF A LATINA COMMUNITY  
9 THAT IS IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT. IF THEY DISAPPEAR, SO WILL  
10 THE EMPOWERMENT OF MANY, MANY YOUNG WOMEN. SO WE ARE HOPEFUL  
11 EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR  
12 THE KIND OF PARTNER THAT THEY'VE BEEN WITH YOU AND THE  
13 SUCCESSES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES HAS HAD IN  
14 EMPLOYMENT IS BECAUSE THE CHICANA SERVICE ACTION CENTER HAS  
15 BEEN A TRUE PARTNER AND A GREAT CONTRACTOR. SO I ASK YOU TO  
16 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
19 ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE BOARD WISH TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT?  
20 ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 14 IS BEFORE US AS PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 MOLINA. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS THERE A SECOND TO HER MOTION?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M HOPEFUL THAT THERE IS.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR CALLS. IS THERE A SECOND  
2    FOR ITEM NO. 14? HEARING NO SECOND. ITEM NO. 14 DIES FOR THE  
3    LACK OF A SECOND. ITEM NO. 22 HAS BEEN CONTINUED. ITEM NO. 23  
4    IS BEFORE US, IS THAT IS THAT CORRECT, MADAM EXECUTIVE  
5    OFFICER?

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7    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

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9    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 23 IS BEFORE  
10    US. IS THERE A MOTION ON ITEM NO. 23? THERE'S A STAFF  
11    RECOMMENDATION ON ITEM NO. 23. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12    YAROSLAVSKY. IS THERE A SECOND TO ITEM NO. 23? IT'S BEEN  
13    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE  
14    CALL THE ROLL ON ITEM NO. 23.

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16    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18    **SUP. MOLINA:** I VOTE NO BECAUSE IT EXCLUDES THE CHICANA SERVICE  
19    ACTION CENTER.

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21    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

24

25    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MOTION CARRIES. ALL RIGHT. THEN  
15 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 14, 22 AND 23.  
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE WILL  
17 NOW MOVE TO ITEM NO. 27. MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE ARE 36  
18 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT, AND SO  
19 WE WILL MOVE ACCORDINGLY. ITEM 27 IS BEFORE US FOR  
20 CONSIDERATION PER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD.  
21 THEY ARE ARNOLD SACHS AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MR. SACHS AND  
22 DR. CLAVREUL, YOUR INTEREST IN BEING HEARD IS CERTAINLY  
23 ACKNOWLEDGED. THERE IS NO RESISTANCE TO YOUR WISHING TO WAIVE  
24 AS A RESULT OF US HAVING SOME 30 PLUS PEOPLE WISHING TO BE



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1 HEARD ON PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH INCLUDES YOU, I BELIEVE.

2 CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON,  
5 ARNOLD SACHS. WELL, THAT WAS QUITE THE VOTE. SO I'M WONDERING,  
6 ONE OF YOUR ITEMS ON TODAY'S AGENDA.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE ON 27 NOW.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** RIGHT. THE SHERIFF'S.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

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14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO YOU JUST AUTHORIZED \$22 MILLION IN  
15 SUPPLEMENTAL FEES. THE UNAVOIDABLE COST INCREASE, \$22 MILLION  
16 FROM THE PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES BUDGET TO COVER EMPLOYEE  
17 BENEFITS FOR THE SHERIFF. BY THE WAY, ITEM 27, THE SHERIFFS  
18 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN THIS  
19 ITEM WAS UP IN FRONT MENTIONED THE UNFUNDED, EXCUSE ME, THE  
20 FUNDED BUT FILLED, THE FUNDED, UNFILLED POSITIONS IN THE  
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS IT EQUATES TO SHERIFF'S PATROLS IN THE  
22 UNINCORPORATED AREA. SO YOU HAVE \$22 MILLION THAT YOU WERE  
23 ABLE TO FIND IN THE PROVISIONAL FINANCE USES BUDGET. YOU HAVE  
24 FUNDED UNFILLED POSITIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
25 OVERSIGHT FOR THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA. WE HAVEN'T HEARD



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1 ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE AIR SUPPORT UNITS FOR THE  
2 INCORPORATED AREA THAT ARE CHARGED TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA.  
3 BUT YOU JUST CUT THREE PROGRAMS THAT HELPED PEOPLE WHO ARE --

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 27, MR. SACHS.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M JUST SAYING, I'M JUST POINTING OUT.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 27, MR. SACHS.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO I'M JUST CURIOUS: HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT PICKING  
12 YOUR POISONS HERE? YOU'RE GOING TO PUT PEOPLE OUT ON THE  
13 STREET? BUT YOU'RE GOING TO FUND -- AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
14 FUND THE SHERIFF'S AIR SUPPORT UNIT? WE DON'T KNOW HOW THAT IS  
15 COMING OUT. AND \$22 MILLION. WHAT'S THE BALANCE, BY THE WAY?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS --

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OF THE FINANCING AND USES BUDGET IF YOU TAKE 22  
20 MILLION OUT OF IT.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S TERRIBLE. THAT'S A TERRIBLE, DISGRACEFUL  
25 SHOW OF CORRUPTION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, MR. SACHS, YOUR TIME IS  
3 EXPIRED.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M GOING.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY,  
8 PLEASE. THANK YOU. ITEM 27 IS BEFORE US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
9 YOUR PLEASURE. BEEN MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE. IF  
10 THERE IS NO OBJECTION, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE  
11 PRESENT. AND THEN LET'S MOVE TO THE ITEMS WE WISH TO BE HEARD.  
12 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT TO ASK PEOPLE IF THEY WOULD  
13 QUIETLY AND GENTLY BE ABLE TO LEAVE. SERGEANT, IF THERE ARE  
14 OTHER PERSONS HERE ON YOUR TEAM, THEY SHOULD HELP THOSE WHO  
15 ARE IN THE AUDIENCE FIND THEIR WAY TO THE EXIT AS WE ARE STILL  
16 SEEKING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE MOVE TO  
17 PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS POINT. MAY I ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING  
18 PERSONS BE ON ALERT TO BE HEARD. ISADOR SOTELLO, JAN TUCKER,  
19 IF YOU ARE HERE, RAISE YOUR HAND SO THAT WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE  
20 HERE. AND PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE.  
21 AGAIN, ISADOR SOTELLO, JAN TUCKER. NANCY ZARDENETA. IS MISS  
22 ZARDENETA HERE? NO. JODY MCDONOUGH? IF SHE'S HERE, COME  
23 FORWARD. NAUTICA CAMARENA? IS NAUTICA HERE? OKAY. COME  
24 FORWARD. SOCORRO MATA? AS SOON AS I CALL YOUR NAME, COME  
25 FORWARD. PLEASE TAKE A SEAT. SIR, YOU MAY BEGIN.



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2 **JAN TUCKER:** JAN TUCKER, STATE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA  
3 LEAGUE OF LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE  
4 EAST L.A. BOBCATS FOOTBALL AND CHEER TEAM ORGANIZATION. ON  
5 MARCH 10 OF THIS YEAR, THEY HELD A VOTER REGISTRATION PETITION  
6 SIGNING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THEIR POSITION  
7 AT SALAZAR PARK. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED, FOR NO  
8 APPARENT REASON, SUCH AS THE MERE WEARING OF BOBCATS T-SHIRTS  
9 AT THE PARK BY DEPUTIES TO REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM THE PARK ON  
10 PRIOR OCCASIONS. ON MARCH 10, WHILE WE WERE CONDUCTING FIRST  
11 AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS VOTER REGISTRATION AND PUBLIC  
12 SPEAKING AND THE SIGNING OF PETITIONS, ALSO COVERED BY THE  
13 VOTING RIGHTS ACT, THERE WERE FIVE BLACK AND WHITES IN  
14 ATTENDANCE AT THE PARK. AND THE DEPUTIES WITH THEM KEEPING  
15 SURVEILLANCE OF THESE ACTIVITIES. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS  
16 ACT REQUESTS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ELICITED THE RESPONSE  
17 THAT SUPPOSEDLY THERE WERE NO DEPUTIES ASSIGNED TO THOSE  
18 ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK ON MARCH 10. WE HAVE THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
19 THE DEPUTIES AND THE POLICE VEHICLES THERE TO PROVE IT.  
20 THEY'RE POSTED ON FACEBOOK. THEY'RE POSTED ON THE INTERNET. WE  
21 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DENYING  
22 WHAT WE SAW WITH OUR OWN EYES AND OBSERVED THESE DEPUTIES  
23 THERE PUTTING A CHILLING EFFECT ON FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTED  
24 ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. STILL ON PUBLIC  
2    COMMENT. MA'AM, YOU MAY PROCEED.

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4    **SOCORRO MATA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SOCORRO MATA, AND I'M  
5    HERE TO SUPPORT THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS. MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN  
6    CHEERING FOR THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS FOR FOUR YEARS. AND SHE  
7    LOVES CHEERING. AND THAT KEEPS MY CHILDREN BUSY AND OCCUPIED  
8    BECAUSE THE EAST L.A. IN THAT COMMUNITY AND IN ANY COMMUNITY  
9    THERE IS GANG MEMBERS, THERE'S DRUGS, THERE'S VIOLENCE  
10    EVERYWHERE. THERE WAS AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN OCTOBER OF  
11    2012 WHICH HAPPENED TO BE AT A PUBLIC PLACE WHERE THEY STATED  
12    THAT THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS WERE THERE. I CAN HONESTLY SWEAR  
13    THAT I WASN'T THERE, MY DAUGHTER WASN'T THERE. I'M NOT A GANG  
14    MEMBER. GLORIA MOLINA HAS TAKEN THAT AWAY FROM US. AND I'M  
15    HERE BECAUSE I WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT SHE NEEDS TO WORK  
16    WITH OUR COMMUNITY, OUR EAST L.A. COMMUNITY TO HELP OUR  
17    CHILDREN, TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS, TO MAKE THEM, AS I  
18    HEARD HER MOTION EARLIER, IT'S A SIMILAR SITUATION. BUT THIS  
19    IS ABOUT A YOUTH PROGRAM WHERE THERE'S 250 CHEERLEADERS AND  
20    FOOTBALL PLAYERS COMBINED. WE DO THIS FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE  
21    WANT THEM TO BE SOMETHING. MY SON IS PURSUING TO PLAY FOOTBALL  
22    HIGH SCHOOL. IT DOESN'T END. IT CAN PURSUE. IT CAN CONTINUE  
23    THEM IN THEIR SPORTS. THEY GET MOTIVATED BY SCHOLAR PATCHES.  
24    IT'S NOT JUST SAYING OH, MY SON'S GOING TO PLAY FOOTBALL. OH,  
25    MY SON'S GOING TO PLAY CHEER. IT'S LIKE A FAMILY TO THEM. SO



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1 WE JUST WANT GLORIA MOLINA TO -- I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S  
2 DISCUSSED THIS HAD WITH THE REST OF THE BOARD, BUT THERE NEEDS  
3 TO BE A SOLUTION OUT THERE TO FIND INSTEAD OF SHUTTING US  
4 DOWN, REVOKING OUR PERMITS, HAVING US BE REMOVED FROM SALAZAR  
5 PARK, LIKE I SAID, MENTIONED EARLIER, GANG VIOLENCE IS  
6 EVERYWHERE. AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN IN  
7 OUR COMMUNITY. AND I WILL NOT DELIBERATELY PUT MY DAUGHTER IN  
8 DANGER. BECAUSE LIKE I SAID, IT'S EVERYWHERE. THANK YOU FOR  
9 YOUR TIME.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
12 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH I SEE A NEW YOUNG SPEAKER  
13 THERE.

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15 **NAUTICA CAMARENA:** HI, MY NAME IS NAUTICA CAMARENA. I HAVE BEEN  
16 CHEERING FOR SIX YEARS, THREE WITH EAST L.A. BOBCATS. ALL  
17 THREE YEARS I'VE GOTTEN SCHOLARSHIP PATCHES FOR HAVING GOOD  
18 GRADES. I WANT TO KEEP CHEERING FOR EAST L.A. BECAUSE THEY ARE  
19 LIKE A FAMILY TO ME. WITHOUT BOBCATS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I  
20 WOULD DO. ALL I WANT IS EAST L.A. BOBCATS BACK. I ALWAYS DO  
21 GOOD IN SCHOOL SO I CAN CHEER FOR EAST L.A., BECAUSE IF MY  
22 GRADES ARE LOW, THEY WON'T ALLOW ME TO CHEER. ALL I WANT TO  
23 KNOW IS WHAT WE DID WRONG SO WE CAN FIX IT. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.

2    [APPLAUSE.]

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4    **JODY MCDONOUGH:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JODY MCDONOUGH, I AM HERE IN  
5    SUPPORT OF THE BOBCATS AND GETTING THEIR PARK BACK AND THE  
6    FACILITY BACK TO HAVE THESE CHILDREN IN EAST L.A. BE A PART OF  
7    THIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. I SAT HERE AND LISTENED TO MISS  
8    MOLINA DISCUSS HOW A 40 OR SO YEAR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
9    SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. EAST L.A. BOBCATS IS 48  
10    YEARS IN EXISTENCE. I HAVE MYSELF WITNESSED THE WONDERFUL  
11    THINGS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THIS PROGRAM AS FAR AS THE  
12    CHILDREN OF EAST L.A. TAKING THEM OFF OF THE STREETS,  
13    DETERRING THEM FROM GANGS. THEY REACHED NOTHING BUT SUCH A  
14    GOOD EXAMPLE TO ALL THE OTHER 26 CITIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN  
15    JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL. THEY'RE A GREAT ORGANIZATION  
16    THAT HAS TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE PARENTS IN STEERING THESE  
17    CHILDREN IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. A LOT OF THESE CHILDREN I'VE  
18    SEEN HAVE GONE ON AND WON ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND HAVE  
19    GONE ON TO QUALIFY FOR SOME OF THE BEST PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS  
20    IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DENYING SALAZAR PARK TO THEM -- AND NOT  
21    COMING UP WITH ANY OTHER SOLUTION TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM GOING,  
22    THEY WORK SO HARD TO KEEP THE CHILDREN OF EAST L.A. OFF THE  
23    STREETS AND OUT OF GANGS. AND NOW THEY'RE BEING DENIED AND NOT  
24    BEING WORKED WITH. THERE'S NO SOLUTIONS BEING GIVEN TO THEM ON  
25    HOW THEY CAN KEEP THIS PROGRAM GOING AND NOT KILL THIS PROGRAM



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1 THAT'S BEEN 48 YEARS STRONG AND SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF EAST  
2 L.A. AND THE CHILDREN OF EAST L.A. SO I'M HERE ASKING FOR THE  
3 BOARD TO GIVE US SOME HELP AND SOLUTION IN KEEPING THIS  
4 PROGRAM ACTIVE AND GOING AND HELPING THESE KIDS TO STAY OUT OF  
5 GANGS AND OFF OF THE STREETS OF EAST L.A.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
8 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS WHO WANT TO BE HEARD  
9 AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AALIYAH MATA. MICHAEL AGUILAR. JULIA  
10 JAUREGUI. PATRICIA JAUREGUI. SYLVIA ROMERO. JOAQUIN  
11 BUSTAMANTE, JR. CHRISTINA GARCIA. MARIBEL SANCHEZ. SERGEANT,  
12 FOUR AT A TIME. THE OTHERS IN THE QUEUE. AND WHEN THE FIRST  
13 FOUR ARE DONE SPEAKING, THE NEXT SPEAKERS CAN COME FORWARD.  
14 ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND MAY PROCEED.

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16 **JULIA JAUREGUI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JULIA JAUREGUI AND I ATTEND  
17 GRIFFITH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN EAST LOS ANGELES. I FEEL THAT IT IS  
18 UNFAIR HOW OUR TEAM IS BEING TREATED. ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF  
19 THE EAST LOS ANGELES BOBCATS IS THAT THEY HELP ME ON MY SCHOOL  
20 WORK AND CELEBRATE MY GOOD GRADES. WE GET SCHOLARSHIP PATCHES  
21 WHEN WE GET ABOVE A 3.2 GRADE POINT AVERAGE. WE ALSO EARN  
22 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS WITH THE PATCHES. AS YOU CAN SEE ON MY  
23 JACKET, I HAVE FOUR PATCHES FROM MY FIVE YEARS IN THIS TEAM. I  
24 AM PROUD TO BE ABLE TO BE PART OF THIS GROUP THAT DOES SO MUCH  
25 TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WORK. I WILL NEVER GO TO ANOTHER TEAM



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1 BECAUSE MY HEART IS HERE. AND I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **PATRICIA JAUREGUI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ALL OF OUR L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS CERTAINLY A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME  
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS  
10 PATRICIA JAUREGUI. I AM A NATIONALLY BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER  
11 WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A PARENT OF  
12 AN EAST LOS ANGELES BOBCAT CHEERLEADER. MY DAUGHTER JULIA IS A  
13 STRAIGHT A STUDENT AT D.W. GRIFFITH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN EAST L.A.  
14 I AM ALSO A TAXPAYER IN L.A. COUNTY AND SO I'M HERE TO REQUEST  
15 THAT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT AND YET NOT  
16 TEAR DOWN THIS ORGANIZATION WHICH SUPPORTS OUR YOUTH. THIS IS  
17 SO IMPORTANT TO ME THAT I SPENT MY AFTERNOON WAITING PATIENTLY  
18 TO SPEAK TO YOU, SPECIFICALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AS A HIGHLY  
19 EDUCATED WOMAN, I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT I, AS WELL  
20 AS ALL OF THE PARENTS HERE PRESENT AND NOT, THAT WE WOULD NOT  
21 HAVE OUR CHILDREN IN THIS PROGRAM IF WE DID NOT FEEL THAT IT  
22 WAS SAFE. WHAT HELPS ME FEEL PARTICULARLY SAFE IS SEEING OUR  
23 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGULARLY PATROLLING OUR PARK  
24 AS OUR KIDS PRACTICE AND PLAY, WHICH THEY'VE ALWAYS DONE. WHY  
25 ARE WE AS TAXPAYERS BEING ASKED TO FOOT THE BILL FOR SERVICES



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1 THAT WE SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY HAVE FOR OUR KIDS TO ENJOY THEIR  
2 LOCAL PARK? AT AN EXPENSE THAT YOU KNOW THAT OUR PARENTS  
3 CANNOT AFFORD. IN THE FIVE YEARS THAT MY DAUGHTER HAS CHEERED  
4 FOR THE BOBCATS, I HAVE NEVER WITNESSED ANY PROBLEMS, GANG-  
5 INVOLVED OR OTHERWISE. WHAT I DO SEE IS SCORES OF YOUTH  
6 PRACTICING FOR A TEAM THAT THEY LOVE WITH PARENTS SITTING  
7 NEARBY WATCHING OUR KIDS PRACTICE AND ENJOYING OUR LOCAL  
8 COMMUNITY SPACE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. THANK YOU TO OUR  
9 LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS FOR FOCUSING LIGHT ON THIS ATTEMPT TO WIPE  
10 OUT OUR 48-YEAR OLD ORGANIZATION. PLEASE, BOARD MEMBERS,  
11 SUPPORT OUR EAST L.A. BOBCATS AND OUR KIDS OF EAST L.A. THANK  
12 YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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16 **AALIYAH MATA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS  
17 AALIYAH MATA AND I AM TEN YEARS OLD. I HAVE BEEN CHEERING FOR  
18 THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS FOR FOUR YEARS NOW. THE EAST L.A.  
19 BOBCATS ARE CARING, FUN, LAUGHABLE AND HAVE SHOWN ME  
20 DISCIPLINE. I THINK GLORIA MOLINA SHOULDN'T BE TAKING THE  
21 SPARK AWAY FROM THE YOUTH CHEER AND FOOTBALL PROGRAM. I SO  
22 WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHEER FOR THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS  
23 BECAUSE THEY ARE LIKE A FAMILY TO ME. MY CHEER COACH, RUBY  
24 SOTELLO, REALLY INSPIRED ME TO CONTINUE CHEERING AND TO GO  
25 INTO HIGH SCHOOL. I REALLY LOVE THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS AND I





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1 DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEM. I THINK GLORIA MOLINA SHOULD GIVE US  
2 KIDS A CHANCE TO LET US CONTINUE WHAT WE STARTED AND TO FINISH  
3 WHAT WE'RE DOING. GLORIA MOLINA, PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE US A  
4 CHANCE AND LET US BE WHO WE ARE, THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS. THANK  
5 YOU, EVERYONE, AND HAVE A NICE DAY.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND YOU HAVE A NICE  
8 DAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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10 **SYLVIA ROMERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SYLVIA ROMERO.  
11 PRESIDENT OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES BOBCATS. I AM HERE TO PLEAD  
12 WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT A THOROUGH AND  
13 ACCURATE INVESTIGATION BE COMPLETED IN REGARDS TO THE 2012  
14 SHAKEY'S INCIDENT IN WHICH THE BOBCATS ARE BEING BLAMED FOR  
15 THE MURDER OF A KNOWN GANG MEMBER. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING  
16 ASKED OF US BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL  
17 OF TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN QUESTIONED REGARDING  
18 THE ISOLATED INCIDENT. ACCORDING TO DETECTIVE AGUILERA, WHO  
19 HAS ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS ASSURED ME THAT THE RETALIATION  
20 IS NOT AGAINST THE BOBCATS, IT IS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS  
21 THAT WERE AT SHAKEY'S WHO WILLINGLY LEFT OUR ORGANIZATION. THE  
22 SUPERVISOR CLAIMS THAT THEY HEARD THE WORDS RETALIATION  
23 AGAINST THE BOBCATS FROM AN OFF-DUTY OFFICER/FAMILY MEMBER WHO  
24 ATTENDED THE VICTIM'S SERVICES. WASN'T IT HIS CIVIL DUTY AS AN  
25 OFFICER TO HAVE ACTED ON SUCH THREATS? THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 COUNTY RECREATION AND PARKS HAS OUTLINED CONDITIONS FOR US TO  
2 FULFILL A ONE-YEAR SEASON PERMIT. WE ARE AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN  
3 WILLING TO MAKE CHANGES TO ENSURE OUR KIDS HAVE A PARK TO COME  
4 BACK TO. BUT TO ASK THAT WE CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THE DAILY RATE OF \$774 A DAY IS  
6 RIDICULOUS. WE ARE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY.  
7 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE SUPERVISOR BELIEVE THE  
8 BOBCATS -- THAT THE BOBCAT KIDS NEED PROTECTION. THEN ISN'T IT  
9 THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THE KIDS A SAFE HAVEN TO  
10 RETURN TO? THE STREETS OF EAST L.A. ARE NOT THE SAFEST BUT TO  
11 INSINUATE THEY AREN'T SAFE BECAUSE OF THE BOBCATS IS A LIE. WE  
12 HAVE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL AND RESPECTED ORGANIZATION FOR 48  
13 YEARS. WE HAVE AROUND 240 PARTICIPANTS. OUR PURPOSE IS TO  
14 DEVELOP WELL-ROUNDED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO LEARN NOT ONLY  
15 THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING BUT ALSO THE  
16 IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, SPORTSMANSHIP, CHARACTER WITHIN A  
17 SAFE AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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21 **SYLVIA ROMERO:** WE ARE HERE TO ASK THAT YOU NOT SEND THESE KIDS  
22 BACK TO --

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, HOLD ON. YOUR TIME HAS  
25 EXPIRED. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'RE GOING TO



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1 HEAR FROM THE BALANCE OF THE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. ALL  
2 RIGHT. COME FORWARD, HAVE A SEAT. MA'AM, COME FORWARD, GIVE US  
3 YOUR NAME. PROCEED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY.

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5 **MARIBEL SANCHEZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MARIBEL SANCHEZ, I'M THE  
6 MOTHER OF MY DOMINICK PRADO, WHO MY SON IS HERE. HE HAS BEEN  
7 WITH A FOOTBALL PLAYER WITH THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS FOR THE PAST  
8 FOUR YEARS. ALSO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW MY SON IS DIAGNOSED  
9 WITH A.D.H.D. WHO HAS TO BE TAKING MEDICATION TO BE ABLE TO  
10 CONTROL HIMSELF, TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS AND DO WHAT HE NEEDS TO  
11 DO IN SCHOOL. BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO HIS SPORTS OR THE TIME  
12 THAT HE HAS TO PLAY FOOTBALL, THERE IS NO NEED FOR HIM TO BE  
13 TAKING HIS MEDICATION, HE REFUSES TO TAKE HIS MEDICATION  
14 DURING HIS FOOTBALL SEASON. FROM BEING A C AVERAGE STUDENT THE  
15 PAST YEAR, MY SON HAS BROUGHT UP HIS GRADES UP TO A B AVERAGE  
16 STUDENT. HE HAS WON HIS FIRST SCHOLASTIC PATCH LAST SEASON  
17 WITH THE BOBCATS. THIS HAS MADE HIM SO PROUD OF HIMSELF TO BE  
18 ABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT HE HAS GOALED HIMSELF TO. RIGHT NOW, HE  
19 HAS BEEN BULLIED AT SCHOOL. BUT HE HAS LEARNED AND HE HAS BEEN  
20 TAUGHT BY THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS NOT TO FIGHT, NOT TO BE  
21 AGGRESSIVE, TO TAKE CONTROL OF HIMSELF. IS IT FAIR FOR A CHILD  
22 TO BE BULLIED AT SCHOOL JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE A FOOTBALL  
23 PLAYER? OR BECAUSE HE'S THINKING THAT YOU'RE A GANG? NO. EAST  
24 L.A. BOBCATS HAS TAUGHT MY SON TO BE A WELL-EDUCATED CHILD, TO  
25 LEARN AND TO BEHAVE OUT IN THE STREETS AND NOT TO FIGHT, TO



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1 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I HONESTLY DON'T THINK THAT -- I BELIEVE  
2 THAT WE CANNOT LET THE GANGS WIN OUR PARKS. THE PARK ARE FOR  
3 THE KIDS FOR THEM TO PLAY, TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE. YOU CAN TAKE  
4 OUR PARK. YOU CAN TAKE OUR NAME, BUT PLEASE NEVER TAKE OUR  
5 HEART AND PRIDE. WE ARE A LEGACY AND WE LIVE ON FOREVER  
6 BECAUSE WE DO BELIEVE IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF  
7 THE CHILDREN OF THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
10 SIR?

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12 **JOAQUIN BUSTAMANTE, JR.:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOAQUIN  
13 BUSTAMANTE. THIS IS MY FIRST YEAR AS A HEAD COACH WITH THE  
14 JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN EAST L.A. BOBCAT FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM. I'M A  
15 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND I ALSO COACH AT GARCIA RECREATION IN  
16 EAST L.A. I LIVE IN SAN GABRIEL. I GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.  
17 IT WAS MY FIRST YEAR AND I REALLY LOVED IT AND WANT TO COME  
18 BACK. MISS MOLINA, I IMPORE YOU AND I ALSO IMPORE THE BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS, THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS HAVE HAD SOME TIME TO  
20 REFLECT ON HOW MUCH FOOTBALL MEANS TO THEIR LIVES. THIS  
21 STATEMENT I'M ABOUT TO SAY IS ABOUT HOW MUCH FOOTBALL IS A  
22 PART OF EAST L.A. AND ABOUT HOW MANY FAMILIES FROM THE  
23 COMMUNITY. DON'T BE CARELESS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE. TAKE CARE OF  
24 IT. IF YOU USE SOMETHING, PUT IT AWAY EXACTLY WHERE YOU FOUND  
25 IT AND MAKE SURE IT IS SAFE AND SECURE, THAT WAY YOU ALWAYS



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1 HAVE IT WHEN YOU WANT IT AGAIN. I WANT YOU TO PLEASE THINK  
2 ABOUT THIS QUOTE. LAST THURSDAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA HAD A SPEECH  
3 WHILE HE WAS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND THIS IS FOR THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS. WHEN I HEARD IT, I THOUGHT OF YOU. I HOPE IT  
5 INSPIRES YOU. THIS HAS INSPIRED THE CONSTITUENTS OF EAST L.A.  
6 PRESIDENT OBAMA SAID, PLEASE, PRESIDENT OBAMA SAID, I CAN  
7 PROMISE YOU THIS, POLITICAL LEADERS WILL NEVER TAKE RISKS IF  
8 THE PEOPLE DO NOT PUSH THEM TO TAKE SOME RISK. YOU MUST CREATE  
9 THE CHANGE THAT YOU WANT TO SEE. CREATE THAT CHANGE. PLEASE  
10 LET THE KIDS PLAY. PLEASE. PLEASE DON'T -- WHERE'S THE MONEY  
11 GOING TO COME FROM FOR THESE KIDS WHEN THEY CAN'T EVEN AFFORD  
12 TO PAY FOR THE EQUIPMENT? WE WERE IN THE RED WITH PAYING FOR  
13 THE FEES LAST YEAR. THERE WAS SOME ACTS FOR THE ADULTS, THE  
14 STUPIDITY OF THE ADULTS. I KNOW THEY WERE WRONG. BUT PEOPLE  
15 LIKE ME, I DON'T HAVE A CHILD ON THAT TEAM. I HAVE A 21-YEAR-  
16 OLD DAUGHTER THAT'S GRADUATING THIS YEAR FROM MOUNT ST.  
17 MARY'S. MY OTHER DAUGHTER IS IN TENTH GRADE AT SACRED HEART. I  
18 HAVE A THREE-YEAR-OLD SON. I HAVE NOTHING THAT I HAVE TO GAIN  
19 HERE BUT I AM HERE. I LEFT MY JOB TODAY TO BE HERE. PLEASE,  
20 PLEASE GIVE THESE KIDS A CHANCE. PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT ARE HERE  
21 FIGHTING FOR THEM, PLEASE. I IMPORE. PLEASE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
24 SIR. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. YOUNG MAN, ARE YOU GOING TO  
25 TESTIFY? OKAY.



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2 **DOMINICK PRADO:** GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS DOMINICK PRADO AND I  
3 WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE GIVE US OUR PARK BACK. I HAVE  
4 BEEN PLAYING FOR THE EAST L.A. BOBCATS FOR FOUR YEARS. THIS  
5 SEASON I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL BECAUSE MY MOM IS  
6 NOT ABLE TO TAKE ME TO A DIFFERENT CITY BECAUSE SHE WORKS. I  
7 WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUFFER A.D.H.D. AND WHEN I  
8 PLAY FOOTBALL, I DON'T NEED MY MEDICATION. PLAYING FOOTBALL  
9 HELPS ME WITH SCHOOL KEEPING MY GRADES UP. I CAN FOCUS PLAYING  
10 SAFE AND KEEPS ME OUT OF TROUBLE. I'M 11 YEARS OLD AND I WANT  
11 MY VOICE TO BE HEARD. BOBCATS IN THE HOUSE. (CHEERS). THANK  
12 YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, YOUNG MAN. ALL RIGHT.  
15 LET'S PROCEED. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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17 **JOAQUIN BUSTAMANTE, JR.:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE OTHER PERSONS WISHING  
20 TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT? JOY CHRISTOPHER. DINORAH VILLALTA.  
21 MARIA HILL. MELVIN HIGHTOWER. LAURA COSENTINO. RUBEN TAPIA.  
22 THOSE PERSONS, IF YOU REMAIN, IF YOU ARE HERE, PLEASE COME  
23 FORWARD AND TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE PERSONS  
24 WHOSE NAMES I JUST CALLED. CHRISTOPHER, JOY CHRISTOPHER. IS  
25 JOY STILL HERE? DINORAH VILLALTA? MARIA HILL. MELVIN





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1 HIGHTOWER. LAURA COSENTINO AND RUBEN TAPIA. MA'AM? WE ALSO  
2 CALL ON MALINDA WAYT. XIA XU, HELEN LYNN. YOLI RAE. ARE THOSE  
3 PERSONS HERE? IF YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. PROCEED.

4

5 **LAURA COSENTINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I LIVE IN  
6 THE FOURTH DISTRICT. MY NAME IS LAURA COSENTINO. I'VE BEEN A  
7 HOME CARE WORKER FOR 13 YEARS. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, I'VE  
8 BEEN PROVIDING CARE FOR MY MOM IN HER HOME IN THE CITY OF  
9 DOWNEY, WHERE WE BOTH RESIDE. TO ME, 15 CENTS AN HOUR WILL  
10 MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE. MAKING A SACRIFICE TO JUST  
11 BE HERE ALONE COST MONEY OUT OF MY POCKET SO THAT I CAN PAY  
12 SOMEONE TO TAKE MY PLACE WHILE I'M AWAY. THIS BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS MADE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A LIVING WAGE FOR  
14 HOME CARE WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN COMING  
15 TO YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW. SO, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AS A  
16 DIGNIFIED LEADER, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR WORD, SIR, WILL YOU DO  
17 WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ENSURE THE LIVING WAGE, WHICH WAS  
18 APPROVED LAST JUNE FOR HOME CARE PROVIDERS IN YOUR COUNTY?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN SAY IT OVER AND OVER. OUR COMMITMENT WAS  
23 MADE BASED UPON THE STATE. UNTIL THE STATE DIVVIES UP, YOUR  
24 ISSUE IS WITH THE STATE AND NOT US.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

2

3    **LAURA COSENTINO:** THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

6    NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8    **RUBEN TAPIA:** (SPANISH).

9

10    **RUBEN TAPIA (VIA TRANSLATOR):** GOOD DAY TO EVERYONE. MY NAME IS  
11    RUBEN TAPIA AND I LIVE IN THE DISTRICT OF MR. YAROSLAVSKY. I  
12    AM A HOME CARE PROVIDER, AND I'M ALSO A CITIZEN AND BORN IN  
13    CHILE. I TAKE CARE OF MY WIFE, MARTHA. I AM HER PROVIDER.  
14    SHE'S WHEELCHAIR BOUND. AND WE'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS PROGRAM  
15    FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THIS IS MY ONLY JOB. AND THOSE 15  
16    CENTS THAT WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR WOULD MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE  
17    TO ME AND MY FAMILY. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT  
18    FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT WE'VE SENT TO YOUR OFFICE, WE'VE  
19    RECEIVED INFORMATION BACK FROM YOUR STAFF. AND IT STATES THAT  
20    THE BOARD APPROVAL OF THE WAGE INCREASE WAS CONDITIONAL ON THE  
21    STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALSO AGREEING. ALSO AGREEING TO  
22    THE INCREASE AND TO CONTRIBUTING THEIR FAIR SHARE. AS OF  
23    TODAY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED, BUT THE STATE HAS  
24    NOT. YOU RECOMMENDED THAT WE CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT AND  
25    MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO VOICE OUR CONCERNS. WELL



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1 WE'VE DONE THAT. AND WE'VE ACTUALLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH  
2 THE STATE. THEY'VE AGREED TO PAY HOME CARE WORKERS UP TO 11.50  
3 AN HOUR IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO WE KNOW NOW THAT 9.65  
4 AN HOUR IS NOT AN ISSUE. THERE IS NO MORE EXCUSES AND NO MORE  
5 TIME TO WASTE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WILL YOU COMMIT TO THE  
6 LIVING WAGE THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW SUPERVISORS VOTED AND  
7 APPROVED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AGAIN, THE SAME ANSWER THAT WAS GIVEN BY  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE. AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE AGREEMENT SETTLEMENT  
11 IN SACRAMENTO AND IT DOES WHAT YOU SAY IT DOES, WE WILL  
12 FULFILL OUR END OF THE BARGAIN.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
15 TESTIMONY.

16

17 **RUBEN TAPIA (VIA INTERPRETER):** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. LIKEWISE. MA'AM?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR COMMISSIONING AN  
22 INVESTIGATION INTO D.C.F.S. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS D.C.F.S.  
23 POLICIES REGARDING THE REPORTED 570 CHILDREN'S DEATHS IN 18  
24 MONTHS. THE NUMBER 1 PROBLEM IS THE LACK OF CARING FOR  
25 CHILDREN BY D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES. THE POLICIES THAT I'M GOING TO



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1 MENTION ARE IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL ATTENTION. POLICY.  
2 REFERRALS ARE LABELED UNFOUNDED IF THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR  
3 DENIES ABUSING. THIS NEEDS TO STOP. POLICY. IF THE ALLEGED  
4 PERPETRATOR DOES NOT ANSWER THE PHONE OR DOOR, THE REFERRAL IS  
5 LABELED INCONCLUSIVE. A RECENT CASE I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF, A  
6 JUDGE, UPON HEARING THE CASE WAS INCONCLUSIVE, TURNED TO THE  
7 MOTHER IN COURT AND BLASTED HER FOR MAKING FALSE ALLEGATIONS.  
8 UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE EVIDENCE, THE CASE WAS  
9 SUBSTANTIATED. POLICY. SERIAL UNFOUNDED ARE VIEWED AS  
10 SUPPORTING THE INNOCENCE OF THE PERPETRATOR. ONE CASE I AM  
11 AWARE OF, THERE WERE 25 INVESTIGATIONS ON A LITTLE BOY. ALL 25  
12 UNFOUNDED. THIS LITTLE BOY WAS ABUSED TO DEATH. D.C.F.S.  
13 NEEDS TO GET RID OF UNFOUNDED AND INCONCLUSIVE FINDINGS AS  
14 DEFINED BY PENAL CODE. DEFINITIONS SHOULD, INSTEAD, BE DEFINED  
15 IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILD WELFARE. TRAINED LAW PERSONNEL NEED TO  
16 TAKE OVER THE INVESTIGATION OF ABUSE IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILD  
17 WELFARE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.  
20 AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
21 PROCEED.

22

23 **SHA ENGLISH:** HI. MY NAME IS SHA ENGLISH. I WANT TO EXPOSE THAT  
24 EVERY LEVEL OF OUR SYSTEM THAT'S SUPPOSED TO PROTECT OUR  
25 CHILDREN IS NOT DOING WHAT THEY SHOULD DO. THIS LEVEL IS THE



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1 MOST IMPORTANT IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, POLICE OR SHERIFF'S  
2 DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THEY ARE NOT PROSECUTING THE  
3 CHILD ABUSERS WHEN THERE IS A DIVORCE AND CUSTODY ISSUE. AND  
4 WHEN THESE CRIMINALS ARE NOT PROSECUTED, IT AUTOMATICALLY  
5 GIVES THE FAMILY COURT AND DEPENDENCY COURT EXCUSES TO GIVE  
6 THE CUSTODY BACK TO THESE ABUSERS. THESE CRIMINALS CLAIM "I'M  
7 NOT PROSECUTED. AND I'M NOT A CRIMINAL. AND THAT MEANS I CAN  
8 HAVE CUSTODY." AND IF THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS ARE DOING GOOD  
9 JOB, THESE CHILD ABUSERS WOULD NOT BE -- WOULD BE IN JAIL AND  
10 THEY CANNOT FIGHT FOR CUSTODY. SECOND LEVEL IS THE DEPARTMENT  
11 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SOCIAL WORKERS ARE TRAINED TO  
12 BE SUSPICIOUS TO THE CHILDREN WHEN THERE IS A DIVORCE AND  
13 CUSTODY BATTLE THERE. EVERYTHING IS UNFOUNDED AND INCONCLUSIVE  
14 TO THEM. AND THEY GIVE THE FAMILY COURT JUDGES ALSO OTHER  
15 EXCUSES THAT THE MOTHER IS MAKING THE FALSE ALLEGATION AGAINST  
16 THE OTHER PARENT EVEN AFTER THE SOCIAL WORKER FINALLY SEE THE  
17 ABUSE WHEN THE ABUSE GETS SO SEVERE BUT THE CHILDREN'S COURT  
18 JUDGES ARE NOT TRAINED RIGHT, EITHER. THESE JUDGES WILL NOT  
19 LISTEN TO THE SOCIAL WORKERS AND COURT INVESTIGATORS WHEN  
20 THERE IS A CUSTODY ISSUE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOUR TIME HAS  
23 EXPIRED. LEONARD ROSE. ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN, IF YOU WOULD  
24 COME FORWARD, FOLLOWED BY BRYAN RANGER. AND THEN BOBBY COOPER.  
25 PLEASE.



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2 **YOLI RAE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S YOLI. AND I'M HERE TODAY  
3 TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT SEXUAL, PHYSICAL ABUSE BE TREATED AS  
4 A SERIOUS CRIME THAT IT IS AND BE INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY BY  
5 SPECIALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE PART OF A  
6 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM. CHILDREN ARE BEING ABUSED, MOLESTED  
7 AND RAPED AND EVEN MURDERED DUE TO THE FAILURES OF OUR PRESENT  
8 SYSTEM. COURTS ARE DISMISSING AND CONCEALING EVIDENCE OF  
9 ABUSE. OUR COURTS GO AS FAR AS LABELING AND ACCUSING  
10 PROTECTIVE PARENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, P.A.S., WHICH IS  
11 PARENTAL ALIENATION SYNDROME, AND, IN FACT, P.A.S. IS NOT EVEN  
12 A LAW, BUT THE COURTS USE IT AS IF IT IS, AND ARE USING THIS  
13 AGAINST PROTECTIVE PARENTS IN OUR COURTS. COURT-APPOINTED 730  
14 EVALUATORS ARE SUBMITTING FRAUDULENT REPORTS THAT ARE  
15 DESTROYING HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES. MINORS COUNCILS AT EDELMAN'S  
16 CHILDREN'S COURT ARE RECOMMENDING CUSTODY TO SUBSTANTIATED  
17 ABUSERS EVERY DAY. THE POLICY TO REUNIFY A CHILD OR CHILDREN  
18 WITH A PARENT THAT HAS A HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NEEDS TO  
19 CHANGE. THERE HAS BEEN TOO MANY DEATHS OF CHILDREN DUE TO THIS  
20 POLICY. I'M RESPECTFULLY ASKING THAT CHANGES PLEASE BE MADE TO  
21 OUR SYSTEM THAT WILL HELP PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.  
24 MA'AM?

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1 **SPEAKER:** IN THE CASE OF A FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY, WE HAD DEEP  
2 CONCERNS FOR HIS SAFETY BECAUSE IN SPITE OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED  
3 BY SIX MANDATED REPORTERS, ALL EXPERT IN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE,  
4 INCLUDING TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED NURSES WITH FINDINGS OF  
5 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SODOMY, A SHERIFF'S DETECTIVE,  
6 INVESTIGATORS FROM C.P.S., THE BOY'S THERAPIST AND COUNTY  
7 COUNSEL, ALL WITH A COLLECTIVE MINIMUM OF 60 YEARS OF  
8 EXPERIENCE IN THEIR FIELDS OF EXPERTISE, ALL FOUND THIS SMALL  
9 CHILD CREDIBLE REGARDING THE ABUSE HE AND HIS BROTHER WERE  
10 FORCED BY THE COURTS TO ENDURE. WHAT IS MORE CONCERNING IS  
11 THAT IN THE FACE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE EXPERTS I MENTIONED  
12 A MINOR'S COUNSEL, A 730 EVALUATOR ADMITTEDLY NOT EXPERT IN  
13 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE RECOMMENDED THAT THE CHILD STAY WITH THE  
14 NAMED IDENTIFIED, SUBSTANTIATED ABUSER AND THAT THE PARENT,  
15 THE PROTECTIVE PARENT BE STRIPPED OF ALL HER PARENTAL RIGHTS  
16 AND BE PLACED ON MONITORED VISITATION. THESE CASES ARE BORN OF  
17 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COURTS FORCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS  
18 INTO SHARED CUSTODY OF CHILDREN WITH THEIR BATTERERS. THE  
19 CHILDREN END UP ABSORBING THE ABUSE. WE NEED TO THANK THE L.A.  
20 TIMES FOR THE RECENT ARTICLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND IN LIGHT OF  
21 THE LEAKED D.C.F.S. REPORT OF 570 CHILDREN'S DEATHS REPORTED  
22 TO D.C.F.S. IN 18 MONTHS DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF JUNE 2010  
23 TO DECEMBER 2011 WITH UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS OF ABUSE IN LOS  
24 ANGELES ALONE, YOU COULD HEAR A PIN DROP IN THIS CITY  
25 REGARDING THIS REPORT THAT WE HAVE 570 DEAD CHILDREN ON OUR



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1 HANDS. THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS STOPPED AND PARALYZED AT THE  
2 HORRIFIC DEATHS OF 20 BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN TAKEN BY A SHOOTER.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS  
5 EXPIRED.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** LET ME FINISH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND  
10 WE DO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL.  
11 I'M SORRY. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY TO GIVE, WE TAKE  
12 IT FROM THE SHERIFF AND HE'LL DISTRIBUTE IT ACCORDINGLY. THANK  
13 YOU. MR. ROSE, I PRESUME?

14

15 **LEONARD ROSE:** MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSE. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF  
16 LA PUENTE. I GOT GOOD NEWS THAT I LOST 82 POUNDS DURING 13  
17 YEARS AND I WENT TO A HEALTH AND FITNESS GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
18 THAT MY CHURCH HAS DONE WITH THE PROGRAM AND 25.9 AND I NEED  
19 TO GET 24.9 TO 18.5 TO BE NORMAL WEIGHT. AND THIS LADY, VICKY  
20 CASTRO, MY -- AT L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MR. OBAMA  
21 PRESIDENT AND JERRY BROWN ARE DOING EXERCISE, YOU KNOW, AND I  
22 USED TO GROW UP WHEN HE WAS 1978 GOVERNOR AND HE TEACHED ALL  
23 THESE KIDS AT SCHOOL NEED TO DO EXERCISE. AND I WAS ONE OF  
24 THOSE KIDS. AND I MAKE A BOOK AND PUT IT TOGETHER IN A BOOK,  
25 HOW TO TAKE CARE OUR BODY AND HOW OUR BODY HEAL ITSELF AND HOW



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1 WE NEED EXERCISE AND TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER THROUGH THE  
2 EXPERIENCE ROYAL RANGER COMMANDER AT MY CHURCH AND GOING TO  
3 MOUNT SAC COLLEGE AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THESE THINGS AND GOD'S  
4 BEEN HELPING ME. IN SUMMER I GOING TO LAUREL FAMILY KIDS CAMP,  
5 AND THE FOSTER KIDS ARE GOING TO BE THERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
6 A COUNSELOR AND STAFF AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A STAFF HELPER.  
7 AND SO FOOD, WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE DRINK AND WHAT  
8 WE EAT BECAUSE IT COULD CAUSE BAD CARBOHYDRATES, OVERDOING IT  
9 AND MAKE YOU WEIGHT GAIN AND BLOOD PRESSURE GO UP. MANY THINGS  
10 COULD GO WRONG. BUT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR TEMPLE. THANK YOU FOR  
11 YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
14 ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS, MR. COOPER, MARIA HILL, ARE YOU STILL  
15 HERE? MARIA HILL? I CALLED YOU EARLIER. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU  
16 HAVE RETURNED TO GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY. MR. SACHS FOLLOWED BY  
17 MR. COOPER AND THEN MISS HILL. BRANDON GARCIA WILL FOLLOW MISS  
18 HILL. DANIEL GARCIA WILL FOLLOW BRANDON. JUAN ALCALA WILL  
19 FOLLOW IN THAT ORDER. MR. SACHS, PLEASE PROCEED.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. OH BOO HOO. BOO HOO, BOO HOO,  
22 BOO HOO. THOSE PEOPLE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE MAKING  
23 PROMISES. OH, BOO HOO. FIFTEEN CENTS AN HOUR. CAN WE BLAME  
24 THEM IN THE STATE FOR THIS FIASCO WHICH IS MEASURE R? THIS IS  
25 A REPORT 2007, FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE. \$682 MILLION



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1 FOR PROP C. \$682 MILLION FOR PROP A. 2009, 1.333 BILLION FOR  
2 MEASURE R. QUITE A JUMP. MAYBE WE'LL BLAME THE STATE. BUT IT'S  
3 GOT TO BE THEIR FAULT. OH BOO HOO. ALSO AT METRO, ANOTHER  
4 PRUDENT FINANCIAL MOVE, THE TAP CARD. \$180 MILLION. AS OF  
5 11/30/12 METROLINK IS GOING TO BE GETTING MEDIA FARE, THAT'S  
6 PAPER TICKETS WITH A TAP CHIP. SO YOU WENT THROUGH \$180  
7 MILLION TO COME UP WITH A COUPON LIKE YOU'D GET OUT OF THE  
8 NEWSPAPER. OH BOO HOO, SOME PRUDENT, PRUDENT BUDGET  
9 CONSTRAINTS. AND THIS FROM YOUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM  
10 DECEMBER 11, 2012. THE FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 STATE BUDGET ACT  
11 RELIED ON THE PASSAGE OF GOVERNOR BROWN'S NOVEMBER NOVEMBER 6,  
12 2012 BALLOT INITIATIVE, PROPOSITION 30, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY  
13 VOTERS. PROPOSITION 30 AMENDS THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO  
14 GUARANTEE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES REALIGNED FROM  
15 THE STATE TO COUNTIES UNDER THE 2011 PUBLIC SAFETY RE-  
16 ALIGNMENT AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM FUTURE UNFUNDED COSTS  
17 TO ADMINISTRATE THE REALIGNED PROGRAM.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT IN  
22 CLOSED SESSION. HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU GET?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. COOPER? THANK YOU.

25



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1 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES, MY NAME IS BOBBY COOPER. YOU KNOW ME. I'VE  
2 BEEN COMING DOWN HERE FOUR YEARS. I COLLECTED NO MONEY. I KNOW  
3 IT'S FUNNY. I KNOW IT'S FUNNY, IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY. LET ME  
4 TELL YOU SOMETHING. I GOT A HEART CONDITION. I COME DOWN HERE  
5 IN GOOD FAITH JUST TO ASK YOU PEOPLE TO GIVE ME A FEW DAYS OFF  
6 MY FEET WITHOUT BEING STOPPED. GIVE ME A ROOM OR SOMETHING SO  
7 I COULD LAY DOWN AND REST. MY HEART, I GOT HEART FAILURE,  
8 WHICH MAKES MY LEGS AND FEET SWELL UP AND MY HANDS GOT  
9 ARTHRITIS THAT'S REAL BAD. I'D APPRECIATE IT, YOU KNOW. I KNOW  
10 IT WOULDN'T HURT YOU GUYS TO GIVE ME AT LEAST THREE, FOUR DAYS  
11 SLEEP, REST, YOU KNOW. I'M ABOUT TO LOSE MY LIFE. YOU KNOW  
12 HALF MY, WHAT IS IT, FOUR PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY ARE DEAD BEING  
13 NURSED MY CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU GUYS  
14 ALL OF WHAT YOU GOT HERE, YOU KNOW, GIVE ME THREE OR FOUR DAYS  
15 OF SLEEP. AND I'LL WALK THE STREETS AND BE STALKED AND WON'T  
16 MIND. I'LL FOLLOW THE LAW BECAUSE IT'S ALL I HAVE IS THE  
17 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO BACK ME, YOU KNOW. AND I  
18 SHALL FOLLOW THE LAW. I'M NOT MAD AT YOU. I'M JUST ASKING YOU,  
19 YOU KNOW, BE RESPECTFUL. I'M A HUMAN BEING. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE  
20 COLOR OF MY SKIN, MAN. YOU UNDERSTAND? BECAUSE MY FAMILY IS  
21 LATINO, YOU KNOW. AND THEY'RE SCARED TO EVEN COME AROUND ME  
22 ANYMORE BECAUSE OF YOUR INTERFERENCE. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF  
23 SOME OF THESE SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD GET TOGETHER, GIVE ME TWO  
24 OR THREE DAYS OF SLEEP. YOU KNOW, I'M TIRED, YOU KNOW, AND I'M  
25 SICK. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. IS BRANDON GARCIA STILL HERE? DANIEL

4 GARCIA, JUAN ALCALA? THOSE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. I DID

5 CALL MARIA HILL AGAIN. THANK YOU. MA'AM?

6

7 **MARIA HILL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS

8 MARIA HILL. I LIVE IN EL MONTE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IT IS GREAT

9 TO SEE YOU AS I LIVE IN YOUR DISTRICT. AND I'M HERE TO

10 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS YOU. I TAKE CARE OF MY MOTHER, LOIS

11 ESPINOSA, WHO IS 98 YEARS OLD AND SUFFERS FROM DEMENTIA,

12 ANXIETY, PANIC ATTACKS, DEPRESSION, HAS PROBLEMS WITH HER

13 VISION, HER SPEECH AND BECAUSE OF HER AGE, SHE CANNOT WALK. I

14 GIVE MY MOTHER THE QUALITY CARE NEEDS SO THAT SHE'S ABLE TO

15 LIVE IN DIGNITY IN HER OLD AGE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE THAT LOVE

16 HER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I KNOW YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER WHOSE NAME

17 IS VALENTINA. YOU KNOW LIKE I DO THE BOND BETWEEN A MOTHER AND

18 A DAUGHTER IS STRONGER THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD. YOU

19 KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOUR DAUGHTER THAT CAN HELP

20 HER. AND THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IN TURN WILL DO ALL SHE CAN TO

21 HELP YOU, TAKE CARE OF YOU. THAT IS WHAT I DO WITH MY MOTHER.

22 AND THAT IS WHAT HOME CARE WORKERS DO FOR COUNTLESS SENIORS

23 AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO NEED AND DESERVE TO LIVE IN

24 DIGNITY. IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO

25 APPROVE HOME CARE WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY A LIVING WAGE





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1 OF 9.65 AN HOUR, BUT WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 9.50. THAT'S 15  
2 CENTS LESS. THOSE 15 CENTS ARE UP AND FOR ME THOSE 15 CENTS  
3 HELP ME PUT MORE GAS IN MY CAR SO I CAN BRING MY MOM TO THE  
4 DOCTOR. I WOULD LIKE TO SAVE SOME MONEY TO ALSO GET SOME CARE  
5 FOR MYSELF. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HAVE STATED IN THE PAST  
6 THAT CONCERNING OUR LIVING WAGE INCREASE HAS TO DO WITH THE  
7 STATE; HOWEVER, WE HAVE ALREADY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
8 STATE AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO PAY HOME CARE WORKERS IN  
9 CALIFORNIA UP TO 11.50 AN HOUR. SO WE KNOW THAT 9.65 IS NOT AN  
10 ISSUE. THERE ARE NO MORE EXCUSES AND NO MORE TIME TO WASTE.  
11 WILL YOU COMMIT TO A LIVING WAGE THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW  
12 SUPERVISORS VOTED AND APPROVED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM. THANK YOU YOUR TIME HAS  
15 EXPIRED AT THIS POINT. MA'AM?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THAT IS CORRECT, WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED THAT  
18 INFORMATION ABOUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S A CLOSED SESSION TODAY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID SOMEBODY INFORM YOU OF THAT?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THERE'S A  
25 MATTER SCHEDULED FOR CLOSED SESSION FOR THAT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE  
3 QUESTION.

4

5 **MARIA HILL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I CONTINUE?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID POSE A  
8 QUESTION. MR. FUJIOKA, ARE YOU PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THAT? OR  
9 EITHER WE CAN TAKE IT UP LATER.

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11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT IN CLOSED SESSION, IF  
12 POSSIBLE.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO AGREEMENT.

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE IS NO FORMAL AGREEMENT AT THIS POINT IN  
17 TIME.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT. NOT YET IS THERE AN  
20 AGREEMENT. I'D LIKE THERE TO BE ONE. BUT WE HAVEN'T HEARD THAT  
21 THERE IS ONE YET. SO I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPANISH).



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2 **MARIA HILL:** I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
3 AND I HOPE WE CAN RESOLVE THIS SOON.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,  
6 PLEASE. MR. GARCIA?

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8 **BRANDON GARCIA:** I AM BRANDON GARCIA. I WANT AFFORDABLE AND  
9 ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ACCESSIBLE  
10 SIDEWALKS.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. GARCIA. WELL  
13 STATED.

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15 **DANIEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE MY SON.  
16 HE'S SEVEN YEARS OLD. HIS NAME IS BRANDON GARCIA. HE CAME HERE  
17 ALONG WITH ME BECAUSE I WANTED TO SHOW THE TRUE POWER AND TRUE  
18 MEANING OF A FEW THE PEOPLE. AND I WANTED TO SHOW HIM THAT HE  
19 SPEAKS ALOUD, IF HE SPEAKS LOUDER HE SPEAKS HIS HEART ON IT.  
20 THINK WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH ACCESSIBLE HOUSING, AFFORDABLE  
21 HOUSING, MORE SIDEWALKS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. YOU GUYS  
22 NEED TO BE FIXING AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO  
23 FIX IT IN THE FUTURE MAKE IT EASIER. I ALSO WANT YOU TO MAKE  
24 SURE THAT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH  
25 DISABILITIES AND SENIORS, ARE HEARD. AND THIS IS THE TIME THAT



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1 I THINK KIDS SHOULD BE GETTING INVOLVED MORE AND MORE IN THE  
2 CIVIC DUTY -- AND ASKING FOR MORE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN YOU.  
3 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE MORE  
4 CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HEAR MY SON  
5 VERY CAREFULLY. HE'S TELLING YOU ALL AND VERY HAPPY TO BE  
6 HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BOTH MR.  
9 GARCIA AND MASTER GARCIA. ALL RIGHT. JOHN WALSH. DONNA  
10 PEARMAN, DAVID JACKSON, TERRY SIGMUND. RAUL QUINTERO, JESUS  
11 MOLINA. DENISE PAZ. THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF THOSE WISHING  
12 TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. AFTER THE LAST NAME I  
13 CALLED, MISS PAZ, PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED. AND MADAM  
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. MR.  
15 WALSH?

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17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
18 AND ALSO AT JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL.WORD PRESS.COM. MR. CLINTON HAS  
19 INTERVENED --

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME, MR. WALSH. LADIES AND  
22 GENTLEMEN, PARDON ME, MR. WALSH. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
23 SERGEANT, THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING NEED TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT IS  
24 ORDER EARLY SO THAT WE CAN HEAR THOSE WHO ARE SPEAKING.

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1   **JOHN WALSH:** PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS INTERVENED AND HAS TOLD US  
2   ANYBODY BUT GARCETTI, WHICH I'VE BEEN SAYING NOW FOR MONTHS.  
3   BUT A FORMER PRESIDENT IS ON OUR SIDE. L.A. TIMES -- YOU KNOW,  
4   YOU'VE HEARD ME ATTACK THE L.A. TIMES, BUT I NEVER, NEVER  
5   CALLED THEM RACIST, NEVER. BUT NOW THE JEWISH OWNER IS GONE  
6   AND WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE RUNNING IT, IT IS A VILE, VILE RACIST  
7   NEWSPAPER. I HAVE IT HERE. YOU CAN FIND IT. THIS IS WHISKEY  
8   MAN. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT WHAT THEY SAID, WHAT THIS MAN  
9   SAID, THIS VILE RACIST SAID ON THEIR WEBSITE ON THE L.A. TIMES  
10  WEBSITE ABOUT MAXINE WATERS. WHISKEY MAN, 7:02 P.M., MARCH 25.  
11  I'LL JUST READ PART OF IT. THERE ARE SOPHISTICATED BLACK WOMEN  
12  AND THEN YOU HAVE -- I CAN'T REPEAT WHAT IT SAID. THIS IS  
13  GARBAGE. THIS IS RACIST GARBAGE. ON THEIR SITE. ON THIS WHITE  
14  MAN'S SITE. GO LOOK AT IT. AND I'M SURE THAT ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
15  WILL GET ON HIS KNEES IN FRONT OF THE OWNERS AND SO WILL ALL  
16  OF YOU AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING. BUT I'M TELLING  
17  EVERY BLACK PERSON IN THIS COUNTY THEY'VE TAKEN IT OFF THE  
18  WEBSITE BECAUSE I COMPLAINED ABOUT IT. I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT  
19  WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT MAXINE WATERS. THE GARBAGE, THE RACIST  
20  GARBAGE OF DAVAN MAHARAJ WHO RUNS THE L.A. TIMES EDITOR. AND  
21  IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THIS CITY, YOU WILL GO  
22  TO JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL.WORDPRESS.COM AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE  
23  GARBAGE OF MR. LIGUORI AND THE GARBAGE OF MR. HARDENSTEIN.  
24  THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. FIGHTING RACISM  
25  WHILE BLACK PEOPLE LOOK THE OTHER WAY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
3 MA 'AM?

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5 **DONNA PEARMAN:** WHOSE NAME IS COME UP NOW?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOURS.

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9 **DONNA PEARMAN:** OKAY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OR YOURS.

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13 **DONNA PEARMAN:** OKAY. I'LL BE THERE IN JUST A SECOND. MY NAME  
14 IS DONNA PEARMAN. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO ALL THESE COUNTY  
15 FEDERAL, COUNTY FEDERATION OF EMPLOYEES THAT ARE ENDORSING  
16 WENDY GREUEL. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE COUNTY ALSO, THE  
17 COUNTY IS ALSO HAS TO BE, THE MAYOR TAKES CARE OF THE COUNTY  
18 ALSO. SO I WANTED TO TELL ALL THEM THAT WENDY GREUEL IS  
19 ENDORSED BY RICHARD RIORDAN AND THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. AND  
20 THEY'RE GOING TO GO AGAINST EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY AND THE  
21 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I JUST WANTED TO TELL THEM TO VOTE FOR  
22 ERIC GARCETTI FOR MAYOR. I DISAGREE WITH ANYBODY BUT ERIC  
23 GARCETTI. I SAY ONLY VOTE FOR ERIC GARCETTI FOR MAYOR. OKAY.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2    MA 'AM?

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4    **DENISE PAZ:** HI, I'M DENISE PAZ. AND MY CHILDREN WERE SEXUAL  
5    ABUSED, TORTURED IN FOSTER CARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
6    CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A  
7    RESULT TO THIS, THE FOSTER KID WENT TO JUVENILE HALL AND I WAS  
8    CRUCIFIED BY D.C.F.S. AND MY PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED.  
9    MOREOVER, D.C.F.S. PLACED MY CHILDREN IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME  
10    WHERE THREE HIGH CONTROLLED PAROLEES EX-CONVICTS AFFILIATED  
11    WITH MEXICAN MAFIA POLITICS PROMOTING GANG TATTOOS ALL OVER  
12    THEIR CHEST, CARRYING GUNS, THESE CONVICTS ARE IN AND OUT OF  
13    PRISON SERVING AT A THIRD YARD PRISON. IN AND OUT. D.C.F.S.  
14    FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ADOPTIONS BY SAYING  
15    THAT THE HOME WAS SAFE AND SOUND, ACTING OBLIVIOUS WHEN I  
16    PRESENT CONVICTIONS AND ALL THE CRIMINAL CONDUCT. D.C.F.S.  
17    FELT MY CHILDREN AND PLACED THEM IN PRIOR ABUSIVE HOME  
18    PLACEMENT AND DENIES IT'S OCCURRING. HOW DID D.C.F.S. APPROVE  
19    A HOME WITH YEARS OF HOUSE RAPES AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT? THREE  
20    PAROLEES RESIDING AT A HOME. NARCOTICS, BURGLARY, MURDER,  
21    DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHECK FRAUD, THE LIST GOES ON. I ALSO  
22    WANTED TO REFRESH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AUGUST 2007 HOW  
23    D.C.F.S. STOLE MONEY FROM THE FOSTER KID FUND FOR ENTERTAINING  
24    GOING TO THE WICKED, THE MUSICAL, HOUSE OF BLUES. NOT ONLY  
25    THEY STEAL FROM THE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN FUNDS, THEY TAKE



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1 THEIR MOTHERS AWAY. POOR CHILDREN. THEY GET WAY LESS THAN WHAT  
2 THEY DESERVE. IN NOVEMBER AUDITOR-CONTROL MARY AN'S CASEWORKER  
3 SAID THEY MISSPENT \$200,000 IN 2009 AND \$96,000 AS WELL FROM  
4 THE CHILD ABUSE LINE TO HEADQUARTERS ON CHILD TO PLACE THEY'RE  
5 IN CAHOOTS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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9 **DENISE PAZ:** ALL RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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13 **DENISE PAZ:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR, I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT TUESDAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16 MA'AM?

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18 **TERRY SIGMUND:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT WHAT THIS LADIES WERE  
19 SAYING EARLIER ABOUT THE SEXUAL ABUSE HAPPENING IS SO TRUE. I  
20 HAVE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
21 NUMEROUS TIMES THAT MY THREE-YEAR-OLD IS VERY SEXUALIZED IN  
22 FOSTER CARE. HE SINGS ABOUT SHAKING HIS BOOTY AND LOOKS ME IN  
23 THE EYES AND TALKS ABOUT THE P.U., YOU KNOW THE WORD WITH THE  
24 FEMALE THING. AND THAT'S NOTHING THAT A REGULAR THREE-YEAR-OLD  
25 WOULD DO. YOU'VE DONE NOTHING ABOUT IT. HE'S STILL PLACED IN



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1 THAT PLACE. AND IT WAS UNFOUNDED. ALTHOUGH THE SOCIAL WORKER  
2 WAS PRESENT WHEN HE SAID THAT, SO HOW CAN IT BE UNFOUNDED?  
3 LAST WEEK I DEMANDED FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO INTERVENE  
4 AS THE D.C.F.S. VIOLATES MY FAMILY'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, MY  
5 PARENTAL RIGHTS AND MY SON IS STARVING. INSTEAD THE D.C.F.S.,  
6 AGAINST COURT ORDER TERMINATED ALL MY VISITATION DUE TO  
7 STAFFING ISSUES. LET IT BE KNOWN THAT MY VISIT IS ONLY ONCE A  
8 WEEK FOR ONE HOUR. AND THEY HAVE A \$1.7 BILLION BUDGET A YEAR.  
9 BUT THEY ARE ASKING FOR MORE MONEY. WHERE ARE THE PRIORITIES  
10 HERE. LAST YEAR IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE D.C.F.S. HAD  
11 \$500,000 WORTH OF CELL PHONE BILLS FOR PLANS THAT WERE NEVER  
12 EVEN ACTIVE. BUT FOR CHILDREN TO SEE THEIR MOTHER ONE HOUR A  
13 WEEK THAT MONEY ISN'T THERE. MY SON ARE ALREADY DEPRESSED FROM  
14 TAKING AWAY FROM HOME BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM. I SPOKE TO THE  
15 BOARD AND YOU'RE POWERLESS. I'VE SPOKEN TO THE LIAISON,  
16 POWERLESS. I TOLD THEM MY VISIT IS COURT ORDERED. I CALLED  
17 THEM. I REACHED THEM. NOTHING HAS CHANGED. MY VISIT WAS STILL  
18 TERMINATED. DIDN'T EVER TAKE PLACE. MY SON IS STILL STARVING.  
19 HE'S ON THE ZERO PERCENTILE. AND WHEN I ASKED THE SOCIAL  
20 WORKER, THE SUPERVISOR WHO CALLED ME, KATHY WEINGARTEN, IF SHE  
21 HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH MY SON'S WEIGHT, SHE REFUSED TO ANSWER.  
22 SHE SAID SHE HAS TO TERMINATE THE PHONE CALL NOW. SO WHILE MY  
23 SON IS STARVING, YOU GUYS SITTING HERE EATING, EATING, EATING  
24 EVERY WEEK, NO PROBLEM, NOBODY IS TAKING CARE OF MY SON WHO IS



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1 AT A ZERO PERCENTILE ON AN AMERICAN C.D.C. CHART AS WELL AS  
2 THE EUROPEAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER,  
5 PLEASE. SIR, YOUR NAME? COME RIGHT OVER.

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7 **JESUS MOLINA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY NAME JESUS MOLINA.  
8 I'M THE FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN. BEING UNEMPLOYED FOR 10 MONTHS  
9 AND I'M CURRENTLY DEPENDENT ON THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES. I'M ABOUT TO BECOME HOMELESS IN  
11 ABOUT A WEEK. AND I'M HERE TO TRY TO FIND HELP, ANYONE THAT  
12 OVERSEES THAT DEPARTMENT AT THE COUNTY LEVEL. ANYONE THAT CAN  
13 HELP, ON THE COUNTY LEVEL THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL ME IF  
14 IT'S RIGHT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY'RE TAKING AWAY THE ONLY  
15 ASSISTANCE THAT I HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR ROOF.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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19 **JESUS MOLINA:** I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO ANYONE AT THE  
20 COUNTY LEVEL THAT MIGHT OVERSEE THE SITUATION, SEE IF THEY'RE  
21 RIGHT WHAT THEY'RE DOING, THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING, IF I COULD  
22 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WHERE DO YOU LIVE? WHERE DO  
25 YOU RESIDE?



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2 **JESUS MOLINA:** HIGHLAND PARK.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HIGHLAND PARK.

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6 **JESUS MOLINA:** YEAH.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU'D HAVE A SEAT RIGHT OVER  
9 THERE, WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE YOU SHORTLY, SEE IF THEY  
10 CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU. ALL RIGHT?

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12 **JESUS MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JUST HAVE A SEAT  
15 RIGHT THERE IN THE AUDIENCE. APPROPRIATE STAFF PERSON SHOULD  
16 FIND THEIR WAY TO HIM TO LEND HIM ASSISTANCE TO THE EXTENT  
17 THAT IT CAN BE AFFORDED HIM. CLARENCE ROBBINS? SIR, THE FLOOR  
18 IS YOURS. AND I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE FINAL SPEAKER TODAY.  
19 I'VE CALLED ALL THE OTHER NAMES. IS ANYONE ELSE PRESENT THAT  
20 HAS SIGNED UP WHO HASN'T BEEN HEARD? FINAL SPEAKER.

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22 **CLARENCE ROBBINS:** MY NAME IS CLARENCE ROBBINS. I'M KNOWN BY MY  
23 UNION AS PASTOR ROB. I'M A CONSULTANT PASTOR HIRED BY THE  
24 UNION. AS YOU COULD SEE, WE HAD LOTS OF MEMBERS HERE TODAY,  
25 BUT SOME OF THEM WERE ON A BUS. AND WHEN ONE PERSON HAS AN



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1 EMERGENCY OR SOMEBODY THAT'S GOT TO BE FED, THE 50 PEOPLE ON  
2 THAT BUS HAD TO LEAVE. WE TAKE OUR WORK SERIOUSLY. I'M A  
3 CAREGIVER. I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE MY WIFE AT THE DOCTOR AT 11  
4 A.M. THIS MORNING. I WANTED TO HONOR WHOEVER IT WAS THAT SAID  
5 OUR FOUNDING PRESIDENT DEALT WITH ISSUES, NOT PERSONALITIES. I  
6 LIKE THAT. THAT TOUCHES ME DEEPLY. I WANT TO DEAL WITH ISSUES.  
7 LET'S NOT BE PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH BY HAVING BUS LOADS  
8 OF PEOPLE COME FROM LANCASTER, FROM POMONA, FROM ALL OVER  
9 ABOUT 15 CENTS. YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE HAVE THE TOUGHEST JOB IN  
10 THE WORLD TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE. BUT YOU  
11 ALSO HAVE CLOUT. I SIMPLY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU, WHO REPRESENT  
12 10 MILLION PEOPLE, WERE TO CALL THE GOVERNOR AND SAY "WE WANT  
13 TO GET THIS 15 CENTS SITUATION RESOLVED AND QUIT SPENDING  
14 MONEY AND TIME" I BELIEVE YOU FOLK COULD DO IT. I BELIEVE I'M  
15 IN THE BEST COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA WITH PROVEN FOLK ON THIS  
16 RECORD. I'VE FOLLOWED ALL OF YOU. I GO BACK TO MR. KENNETH  
17 HAHN. I WALKED THE STREET FOR HIM IN POMONA. I HAVE FAITH IN  
18 YOU. I HAVE FAITH IN GOD. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE TESTIMONY. WE  
19 SIMPLY NEED THE POWERS TO COME TOGETHER AND SAY LET'S SAVE  
20 SOME MONEY AND GIVE THE 15 CENTS. THANK YOU, FOLKS. WE'RE  
21 GOING HOME.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
24 TESTIMONY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
2   REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
3   SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
4   CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF  
5   LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM NO. CS-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
6   PERFORMANCE EVALUATION; AND ITEM NO. CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH  
7   LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS  
8   INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MARCH 26, 2013**

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section  
54956.9) Initiation of litigation (one case) (13-1441)

The Board authorized initiation of litigation. The details of  
this matter will be made available once the litigation has  
formally commenced.

The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being  
present.

No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.



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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

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5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors March 26, 2013,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 29th day of March 2013, for the County records to be used only  
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